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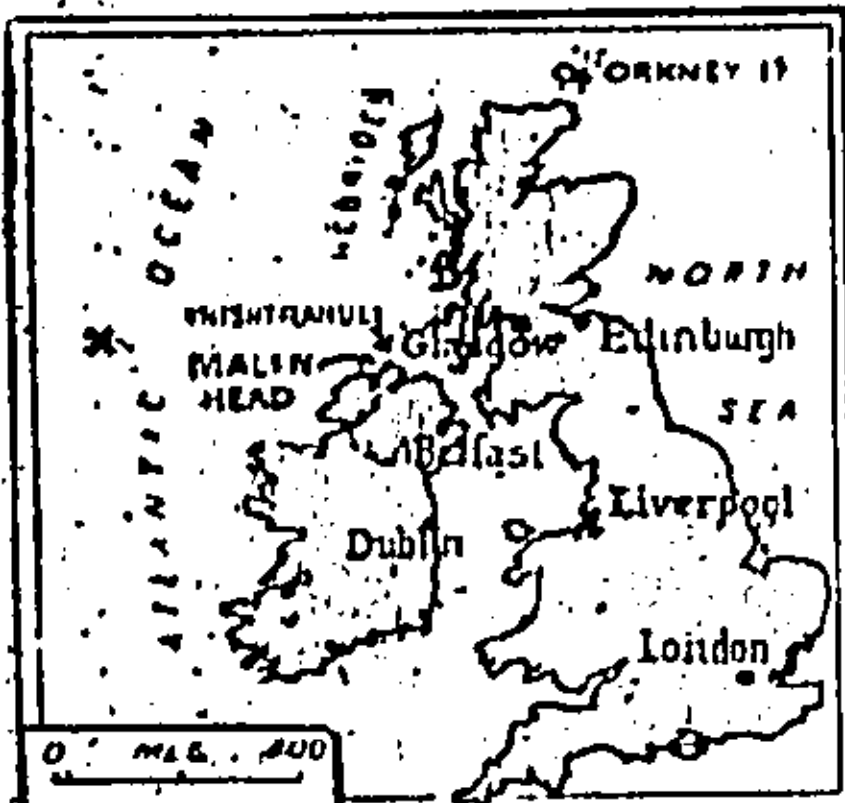
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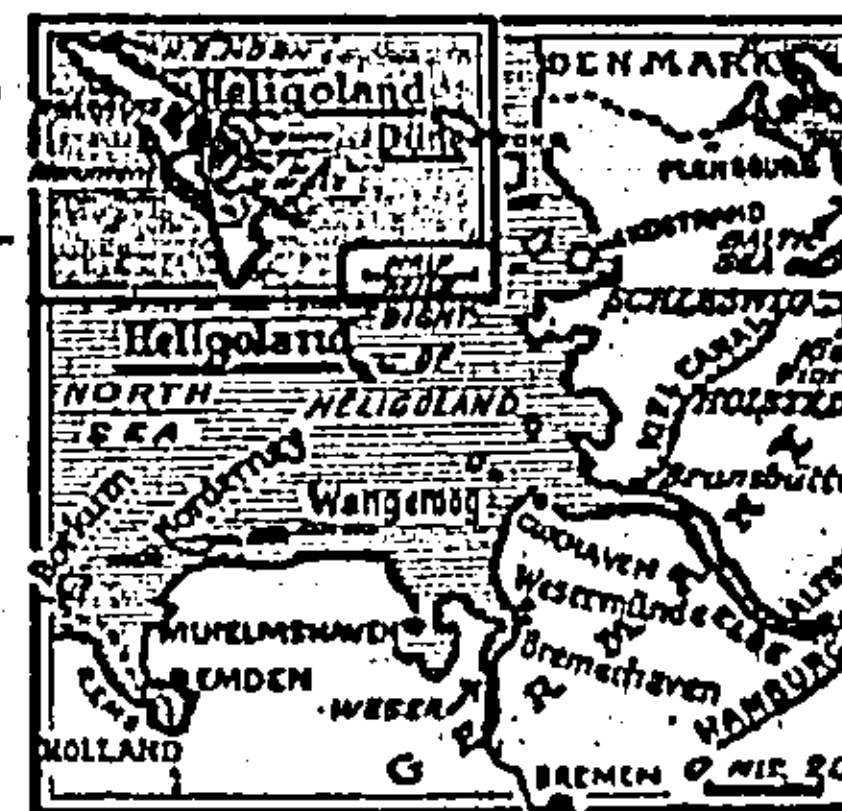
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Nazis Use "Mystery Planes" To Attack British Bombers PLANES ACTIVE ON BOTH SIDES OF N. SEA



ENGLAND LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret are to spend Christmas with Their Majesties. They have been in Scotland since before the war and travelled down to London during Tuesday night. They have not seen the King since the middle of August and the Queen for two months.

WESTERN FRONT

Bitter Wintry Weather

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The recent bitter wintry weather on the Western Front has been succeeded by thaw and cold. A sleety rain has been falling. These conditions have hampered air operations on the front itself but have favoured long distance flights.

While British planes visited both the German seaplane bases in North Germany, German reconnaissance machines have flown over North, North-west and Western France.

Land activity continues with minor local operations and four unsuccessful enemy attacks on a wide front between the Moselle and Vosges were reported by authoritative military circles to-day.

Western Front Is Quiet

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Tonight's communiqué said that there was no event of importance during the day.

Yangtse Reopening

Difficulties Foreseen

French Comment On Announcement

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—While noting with satisfaction the Japanese Government's announced intention of partially re-opening the Yangtze River, well-informed circles in Paris do not underestimate the difficulties surrounding the question.

It is felt here that the matter is one which primarily concerns Britain because of her river traffic, although France and other European countries and America are also concerned.

Inevitable Issues

It seems inevitable that such questions must arise as the presence of Japanese troops along the banks of the Yangtze, river barriers, Japanese demands for a strict watch on munitions in order to stop the supply of arms to the army of Chiang Kai-shek, and Japanese control of the Customs. It is pointed out that whether the creation of a convoy system for the purpose of stopping the arms traffic would meet the Japanese case is a problem which must require close attention.

NDL Liner May Be Seized

MIAMI, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The Imperial Sugar Company of Galveston, Texas, has filed suit for attachment against the German freighter Aracua, which put into Port Everglades, Florida, yesterday, after being purchased by an English warship.

The company claims that it had many tons of sugar aboard three Hamburg-Amerika Line freighters which put into neutral ports at the beginning of the war without delivering cargo.

FINLAND'S APPEAL FOR PEACE

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Finland has made another peace appeal to Moscow.

In a Russian broadcast, the announcer called on the Russians to rise against the provokers of the war and bring peace between Soviet Russia and Finland.

"Graf Spee" Commander Commits Suicide

LANGSDORFF TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20 (UP).—Captain Langsdorff, Commander of the pocket battleship Admiral Graf von Spee, committed suicide with a revolver to-day.

His body was found in a room at the Immigrants Hotel. He left a letter which said that from the moment he had been ordered to scuttle his ship, he had decided to share the destiny of his boat although he decided to postpone it long enough to be assured of the safety of over a thousand young men who made up his crew.

The Ambassador rushed to the hotel immediately upon being notified. He personally advised the Minister of Marine of the tragedy. The time of the suicide is not known, but it is presumed that it occurred soon after the issuance of the internment order.

It has been disclosed that Captain Langsdorff yesterday requested the authorities permission to "have a heart to heart talk with my men." The authorities cleared the hotel of all except the Graf Spee's crew and officers who formed a circle four deep around their Captain. He apparently bade them his last farewell.

An official communiqué issued by the German Embassy praised the Captain's action, implying that Nazi officialdom considers that he has concluded his career with full honours.

The funeral is scheduled for tomorrow and will be attended at the German cemetery by 500 of the Graf Spee's crew and German officials, together with members of the German colony here.

The remains are now lying in a sealed coffin in the Naval arsenal.

"Self-Immolation"

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—A German Embassy communiqué states: "The commander of the glorious cruiser, Admiral Graf Spee, Captain Langsdorff, last night sacrificed his life for his country by voluntary self-immolation."

"From the outset, he had decided to share the fate of his fine ship and only personal influences, and due consideration for his responsibility for the successful disembarkation of his crew of more than 1,000 men, led him to postpone fulfilment of his intention until his duty was done and his superiors fully informed of the situation."

"This mission ended, he bowed to destiny, a brave sailor who has written another page to the glory of the German Navy."

Before his suicide, Capt. Langsdorff wrote a letter to the German Ambassador in which he said that when he received the order to scuttle the ship, he decided to commit suicide.

Raiders Appear Over Eastern Counties

LONDON, DEC. 20 (REUTER).—IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT APPEARED FOR A SHORT TIME OVER THE EASTERN COUNTIES THIS EVENING.

Searchlights were exposed and fighters sent up to investigate, but there was no contact.

No anti-aircraft guns were in action and no air-raid warning was sounded.

The Air Ministry to-night denied the German High Command statement that a British flying boat was shot down.

It was stated that a British flying boat yesterday encountered a German machine off the Norwegian coast. The enemy was driven off and the flying boat returned to its base.

MYSTERY PLANES

At least six of the German fighters on Monday were of the new type known as ME-110.

The German call them "destroyer planes."

The German fighters made some 40 attacks on our machines.

One R.A.F. bomber brought down five enemy aircraft.

On the way home, it was attacked several times, and eventually got away with both front and rear gunners wounded and the centre gun and wireless out of action.

The Germans continue to make widely exaggerated claims concerning the flights of their planes.

Semi-official circles in London comment sarcastically that the most successful Nazi flights are their flights of imagination.

The best of all German stories, however, concerns R.A.F. attacks on the island of Sylt, which the R.A.F. denies having attacked.

The Nazis say that the R.A.F. dropped bombs on two towns in the island, the attacks being made at 2 p.m.

In actual fact, however, the R.A.F. says, no British machines were within a hundred miles of Sylt at the time.

17 Planes Lost
The German air force has lost 17 planes in two air battles over Heligoland since last Thursday.

The cost of the Nazi coastal defence is in sharp contrast to that of the R.A.F. for the British coastal defence. During October and November, the Nazis lost 21 machines in raids on the British coast.

The R.A.F. Coastal Command lost not one single machine.

"Naval Victories"
The Nazis are now claiming as "naval victories" the attacking and sinking of defenceless fishing boats by their planes.

The fishing boats are called British patrol forces. To-day they jubilantly announced that the British had lost 23 patrol boats.

The claim is completely untrue. Only six, and not 23, were lost. They were fishing boats and had nothing to do with Britain's defence forces.

The Admiralty announces that the Navy has not lost a single ship in the past few days.

Fighting "Murder Minors"
Measures against Nazi planes laying mines along the British coast include not only nightly patrols over Heligoland but also operations by a "Balloon Navy."

In order to intercept enemy aircraft balloons are now made fast to boats around various danger areas, and these boats are manned by young members of the balloon barrage of the R.A.F. tug-masters and fishermen.

The danger of the work is illustrated by the story of how one such boat found itself anchored at night near a mine.

It did not dare to move for fear of being blown up and those on board wore their life-belts all night.

The next morning, the anchor was hoisted and the boat slowly and cautiously moved out of the area.

Seaforth Faces Serious Charge

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Private Eckford, of the Seaforth Highlanders, will be tried by a British Supreme Court on January 9 in connection with the death of Lance Corporal Davies on the night of November 4.

ARMY CAR SOMERSAULTS ON PEAK

Chinese Sappers Have Miraculous Escape

Seven Chinese sappers of the Royal Engineers were injured and taken to the Queen Mary Hospital this morning when the lorry in which they were travelling to the Peak leapt over a 15 foot embankment, and turned a complete somersault before landing on its four wheels.

The driver, Leung Shui-wai, 22, escaped with a few scratches, while four other sappers were badly shaken.

The vehicle was an open type United Delivery lorry which was under contract to the Military, and was proceeding to the Peak with the sappers and a load of sandbags.

Steering Locked

The driver stated that he was turning from the lower part of Stubbs Road at the bend of the petrol station to go up Stubbs Road, when the steering locked, and the vehicle went over before he could straighten it.

The incident occurred about ten minutes past eight, and Traffic Inspector Saunders and Sub-Inspector Clarke were on the scene a few minutes later.

Damage to the lorry consisted of a smashed radiator and bonnet, front mudguards crumpled, and the side of the lorry slightly torn.

GESTAPO CHIEF IN ITALY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Dec. 20 (Dome).—Herr Himmler, chief of the Gestapo, is expected to arrive here from Berlin to-day.

It is understood that he will make arrangements for a meeting between Hitler and Signor Mussolini.

GERMANY BERLIN, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Herr Hitler left Berlin to-day to spend Christmas at Berchtesgaden.

It is not known whether he means to keep up his usual custom of celebrating Christmas with members of the Nazi Party in the Beer Cellar at Munich.

You May Not Know—

That the Nazis, recently boasted that South-West Africa would soon have a German Governor again.

The boast was made by Herr Lierau, German consul at Windhoek, S.W. Africa, who before he went to Africa was active in Sudetenland.

South-West Africa, now administered by the Union of South Africa under a League of Nations mandate, has a population of 333,000 Africans and 32,000 Europeans, of whom 9,600 are Germans.

About half the Germans are naturalised South Africans. It is the other half who cause all the trouble.

They are organised in two bodies—the Deutsche Sudwest Bund and the Pathfinders (for the German youth).

Leader of the Bund is Dr. Hirsckorn, who might be described as "Nazi-Gauleiter" for the colony.

War Nearly Started In S.W. Africa, Says Smuts

STANDERTON, Transvaal, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—If the South African Government had not taken over the Police of South-West Africa, the world war might have broken out, not in Poland, but in South Africa, declared General Jan Smuts, the South African Premier, in a speech to his constituents.

General Smuts added that but for the Government's quick action, an outbreak of war might have occurred on the borders of South Africa.

Germany had followed in South West Africa the same technique of under-mining and breaking the spirits and independence of the people as she had done in Austria and Czechoslovakia.

Independence Threatened
If Germany had regained South-West Africa, there was no doubt that the freedom and independence of South Africa would not have lasted long.

Loud applause greeted General Smuts' remark that Germany, as a neighbour, was a threat but that England was South Africa's greatest friend.

General Smuts declared that there was very strong documentary evidence to show how German eyes PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

LATEST

OMINOUS ADVICE

Russo-German Eyes On Sweden?

LONDON, Dec. 20 (UP).—The "Exchange Telegraph's" Peiping correspondent reports that the local German Bank is advising all German clients to sell their holdings of Swedish kroner as soon as possible.

Big Air Attacks SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 20 (UP).—It is officially stated that Russian troops, supported by hundreds of tanks and under cover of massed air squadrons estimated at 250 bombers made one of their heaviest attacks of the war during the past 48 hours on the Karelian front.

The attack was centred on the 15 mile stretch between Lakes Muola and Kallio, where the Finns have a triple line of fortifications.

It is reliably reported that two Soviet regiments have been wiped out in the Savyskaia region, where the Finns were aided by a snowstorm and bitter cold.

The Finns claim they captured 10 tanks and downed 20 planes in last Tuesday's fighting on the Karelian Isthmus in which they said the Russians used 30 ton tanks.

Meanwhile, thousands of fresh Soviet troops and a large number of new tanks are reported to have arrived on the central front, preventing a major Soviet offensive.

Men born in 1899 have been called to the colours, by Finland as the Russians begin the third week of incessant hammering on the Mannerheim Line.

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NAZIS HAVE SCUTTLED 23 OF THEIR SHIPS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Dome).—Informed quarters point out that with the sinking of the 32,000-ton liner Columbus, the number of German merchant ships which have been scuttled since the outbreak of the war has reached 23 ships totalling about 180,000 tons.

German ships which have been seized by the Allies number 19, craft totalling 88,100 tons.

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New Chinese Army Ten Million Strong

By LOUISE MORGAN

A NEW Chinese army ten millions strong—the biggest conscript army ever raised in any country—was described to me by Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Chinese Legislative Yuan, when he arrived in London recently.

It has been secretly assembled and trained in many different parts of the Western provinces over the past 14 or 15 months, since conscription came into force.

Most of the soldiers are young country lads, tough fighters, who will go through anything to save their country from aggression.

Nobody except the Generalissimo, Chiang Kai-shek, knows the whereabouts of this mystery army or the date of the big offensive for which it is now being intensively prepared.



ALL LORRIES TO USE GAS

The gravity of Germany's petrol shortage is shown by an order for the compulsory conversion to gas of all motor-lorries over 30cwt. It is a long-term programme, which indicates how little faith the Government has in Russian supplies.

A start is to be made with the heaviest vehicles, which use the most petrol. Owners will receive orders telling them where to take their lorries for conversion, and imposing a time-limit.

Since the range of gas-propelled vehicles is short, the order will apply only to lorries garaged within six miles of a gas-producing plant. The authorities promise, however, to establish a "close network" of such plants all over the Reich.

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Travellers returning from there are reported by Reuters as watching the making of a picture in which the Czech fortifications surrendered a year ago provided a "Magnet Line" background. A brigade of German soldiers, costumed in French uniforms, manned defence which were gallantly stormed by Nazi troops.

When Looting is Pardonable

To reassure the civil population behind the Siegfried Line the German High Command has issued new and more stringent-sounding regulations against looting and "scrounging" by the troops. Life imprisonment or shooting are prescribed as penalties in extreme cases.

"But," adds the order, "the acquisition in case of urgent need of clothing, equipment, provisions (whether necessities or luxuries), fodder, fuel, vehicles, petrol and other requirements, shall not be regarded as looting."

No New Clothes For Christmas

One feature of the new clothes rationing order is causing particular dismay. Germans will be able to buy scarcely any new clothes for Christmas. Of their 100 coupons they may use only 30 before the end of the year. Little can be obtained with these.

A woman might buy a nightdress and one handkerchief, or half a dozen pairs of stockings and half a dozen handkerchiefs. A man could obtain a sweater, or alternatively a pair of pyjamas, a collar and a handkerchief. A new suit or costume would be well beyond the reach of either.

Cathedral Treasures "Saved"

Films also contribute another piece of Nazi propaganda. Now being screened is a picture showing how German soldiers "saved" sacramental vessels and other treasures from the burning cathedral at Lublin.

In fact, the cathedral was on fire before the Germans entered the city, and it was the citizens who brought out their treasures. The Nazis are

Secret munitions factories, scattered like the soldiers over an enormous territory to escape Japanese bombs, have sprung up by the thousands in the west. Chinese have worked out a system of small-scale mass production in miniature factories tucked like villages among the green mountains, valleys, waterfalls and winding streams.

Hidden From Planes

"They are so situated that they are completely invisible from the air," said Dr. Sun.

The European war is interfering very little with the flow of necessary supplies to China, he told me.

The trade treaty with Russia which he signed in Moscow last June is now in operation with a free exchange. China gets munitions and machinery and sends tea and the more valuable metals, such as tungsten and antimony.

The Best Source

"The Soviet Union has given us more help and more material than any other source," said Dr. Sun.

From America supplies, such as petrol and steel, farm machinery and lorries, arrive unimpeded by way of China's back door through Burma, proceeding along the great "peasant road" built with the bare hands of millions of Chinese tillers of the good earth.

The third successive bumper harvest has filled China's stores. Only in the flood areas is there any want—and all these areas are in Japanese occupation.

Dr. Sun thinks war-time London is "as good as a play."

"It is interesting to find how much more seriously you take war than we do. You have changed the face of London and blotted out the whole country. And there has not been one single bomb!"

"In China we have no black-out. But if we hear a raid coming we put out the lights naturally."

THREE WHALE TWINS

Antarctic Season Yields Unusual Find

Washington, Dec. 20. American whalers have returned from the Antarctic with stories of finding three sets of whale twins during last season's catch.

Four of the twins, yet unborn, were in two finback whales. The mother of the other set was a big blue whale. It is rare for the sea-going stock to bring twin whales.

The three sets of twins were the only ones found in the season's catch of 2,204 whales, from which was processed 7,150,700 gallons of oil, 216 tons of bone and 396 tons of meat fertilizer, all valued at \$3,250,000.—United Press.

rived just in time to take them away in lorries.

War Soap From Coal

The Germans are to produce synthetic fat from coal, states the Frankfurt correspondent of the Copenhagen "Politiken." Among other things this will be used for a special type of war soap.

A new company has been formed to produce the fat. Another company with seven factories is trying to extract the utmost from several thousand tons of whale oil which it has received.



A Scots woman came to town and entered a shop to buy a collar for her husband. "I'll take that one," she said. "Only the one, madam?" inquired the assistant. "Of course! How many husbands dae ye think I've got?" The secret of Whisky is age—"WHITE HORSE" has great age.

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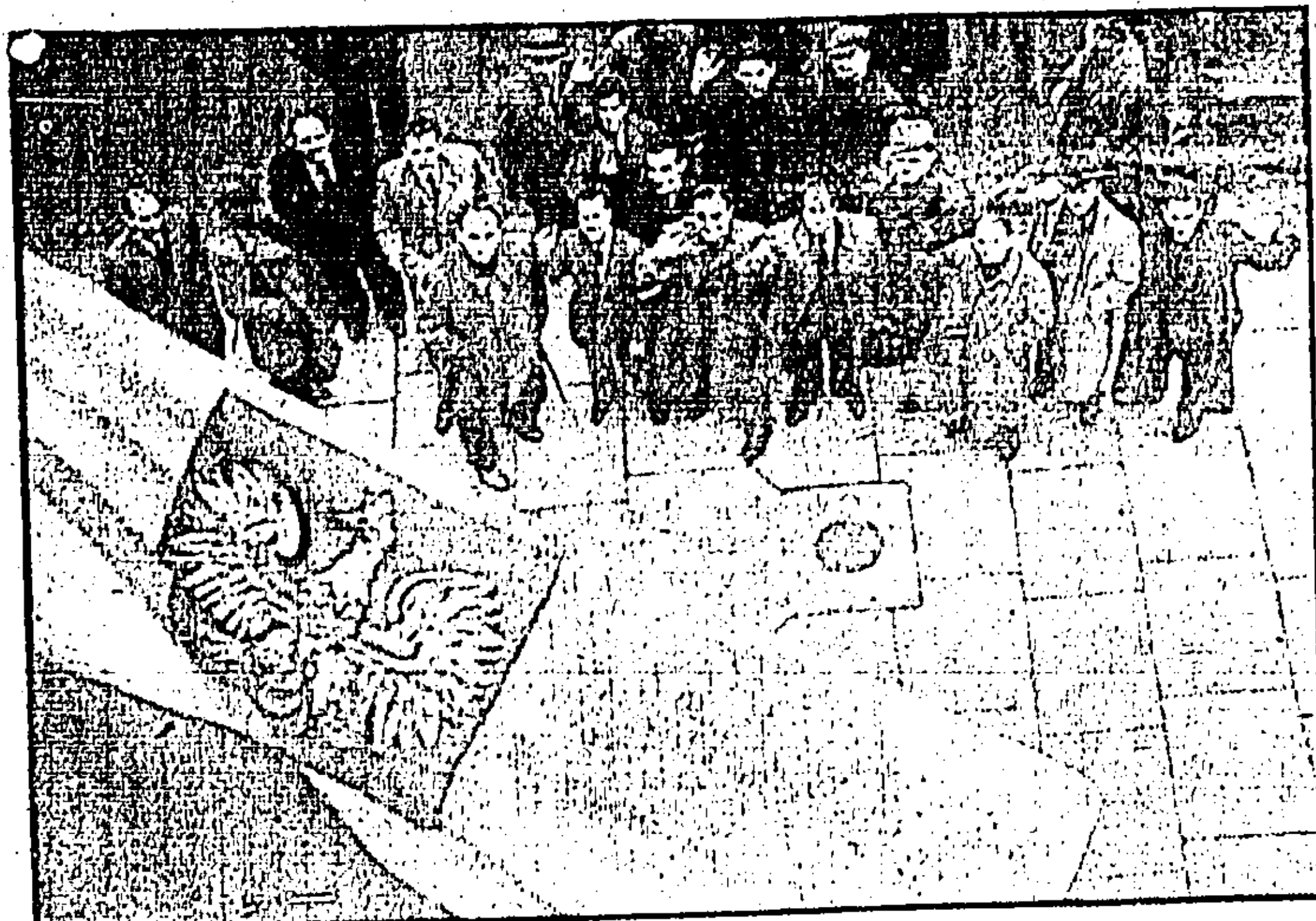
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ARMY'S EARS BECOME ITS EYES

By IAN MACKAY

RADIO CITY.
THE Ministry of Supply tour of the munitions factories took us to a great optical works where men and women were skillfully fashioning the eyes of the Army.

To-day we have spent several fascinating hours watching

POLES IN BRITAIN JOIN UP

A POLISH officer fought till the White Flag was hoisted in Gdynia.

Then he changed into civilian clothes, climbed into a tiny plane, and escaped over the frontier.

With more than 60 other Poles living in this country—you see several in above picture—he registered at the Polish Embassy in London for service with the Polish Army in France.

"I was probably one of the last officers to get out of Gdynia," he said.

"Now I want the chance to have a 'go' at the Germans on something like equal terms."

Registration of Poles will continue at the Embassy till the end of November.

"Scotland Yard" For Africa

PRETORIA. (U.P.)—A special police branch, shaped to some extent on the special branch of Scotland Yard in Britain, has been created in South Africa to deal with underground movements in the Union, as well as with such bodies as the greyshirts, the brownshirts and other Fascist organisations.

other men and women, equally skilful, producing its ears—the sound locators which pick up the position of hostile aircraft miles before they reach their target.

Only a few months ago the huge workshops where these marvellous mechanical listeners are being produced were turning out radiograms, gramophone records and motor-cycles.

To-day, more than 50 per cent. of the workers are doing nothing but war work. They are making sound locators, predictors, shell fuses and aeroplane engines.

The sound locator, though not nearly so complicated as the predictor, is equally astonishing in its uncanny accuracy. The machine itself looks like something that Heath Robinson might have contrived, in one of the more fanciful moods.

Four Large "Ears"

It consists of a great circular platform with several long arms to which are attached four large "ears" which look for all the world like the buckets you try to throw the balls into in the skee-ball game.

There are three ears on one side and one on the other. The sounds reach the listener's ear through a sort of stethoscope arrangement. The whole machine can be moved sideways or up and down to keep in line with the sound.

It has been found, however, that listening is too difficult and fatiguing, so an ingenious electrical device has been invented which translates sound into light, so that the observer has only to watch a dial, which tells him where the sound is coming from and from what distance.

Planes at Seven Miles

I was informed that a well-trained crew will pick up an aeroplane seven miles away and follow it with remarkable precision. The locator is electrically linked to a searchlight,

which moves in sympathy with it, so that once the plane is picked up it remains in sight—a prisoner of the beam.

At the trials I was told that the anti-aircraft guns were on the target three minutes after the first faint sound was picked up. Incidentally, I noticed that the searchlight used here was made by a firm which usually builds omnibuses—another example of the war-time switch-over of industry.

The sound locator must be perfect and before it is taken over by the Army it has to survive 422 tests, apart from its final field trials.

Most of the work in the shell fuse shops is done by girls. The noise in this fuse shop was almost unbearable, like a hailstorm of cannon balls on a corrugated iron roof, but the girls have not quite accustomed to it and go on talking to each other about Robert Donat and Ann Sheridan as if they were in a hospital ward.

The Uses of Alcohol

They also help to make prismatic compasses filled with alcohol. Believe it or not, the alcohol is there to "stop them from oscillating."

This is not the only paradox of production, however, as it seems that the thicker the head of a sound locator the cleverer it is.

In one room I was shown a microphone, which is accurate to a millionth of an inch. It is so sensitive that if you stand near it the temperature of your body will make it go wrong.

The care taken to ensure that everything that goes out is "ship-shape and Bristol fashion" is shown by the fact that every predictor is placed in an artificial rainstorm for hours on end to ensure that it will stand up to the worst weather.

Slave-Drivers

He never eats or sleeps but just goes on rushing about the place taking a hand in everything. This is our invisible friend the electron, and here, as a world-famous scientist said to me, they have "a team of electron slave-drivers," whipping him on to greater and greater efforts.

Even the old cathode-ray tube, which only a few years ago was a scientist's plaything, is now performing bureau tasks.

The pity of it is that these things should be doing this at all but, as the electron is not an Englishman, and obeys Hitler just as implicitly, I suppose we must go on awaiting him until the blessed day arrives when we shall find something nobler for him to do.

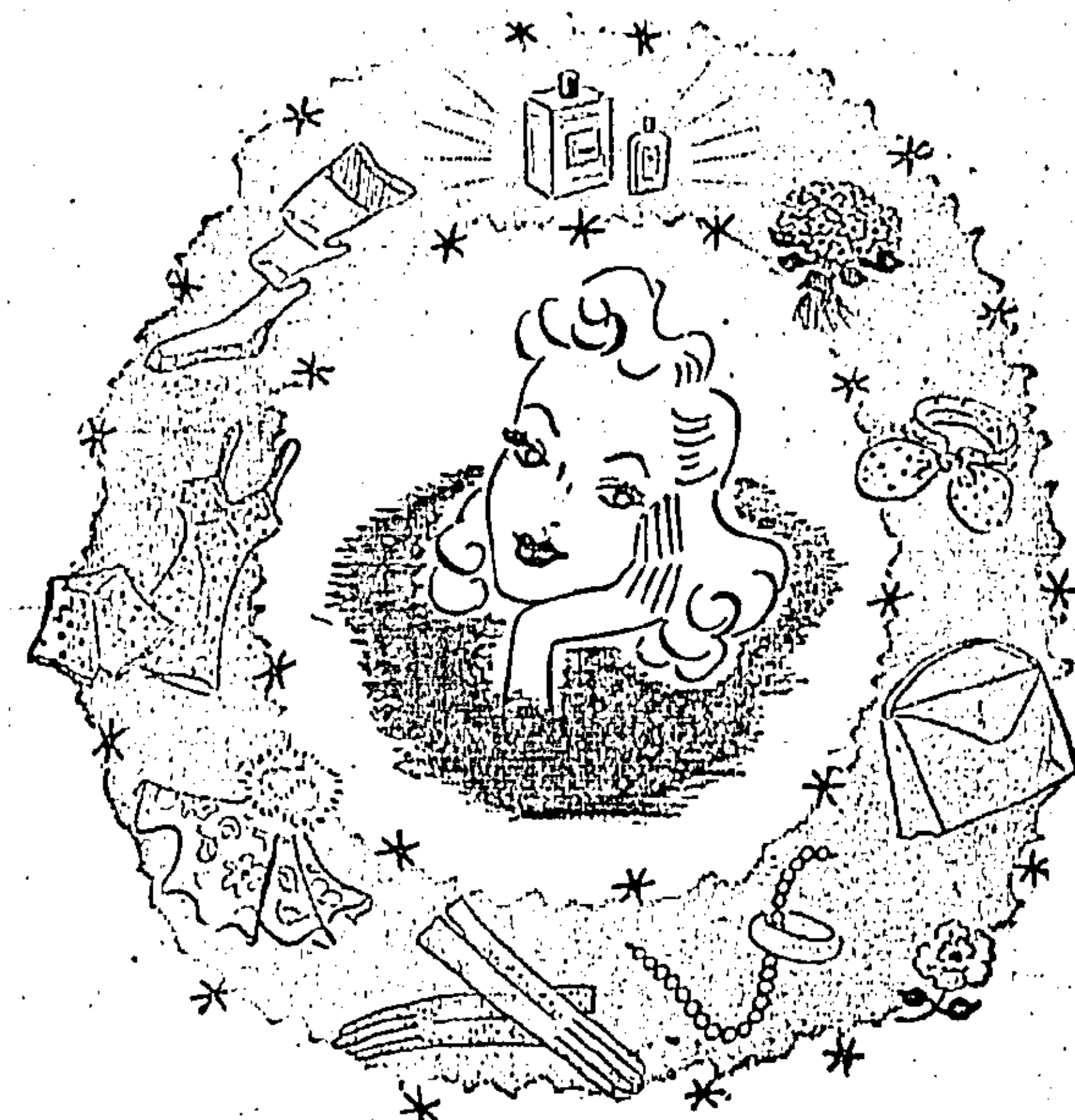
Progress on the Glenorchy since her launching at Talkoo Dockyard on August 17 has been better than was predicted, as January was the speculative date for her completion. She will now be able to sail for Shanghai early in the new year and on her maiden trip Home about 15 days later.

Her master is to be Captain W. Christie, lately in command of the Flintshire and one of the senior Blue Funnel skippers, who has already arrived in the Colony. Mr. R. Blakey will be Chief Mate. Mr. J. Threlfall, who came from Home to superintend the installation of engines in both the Breconshire and the Glenorchy, will return with the ship as Chief Officer.

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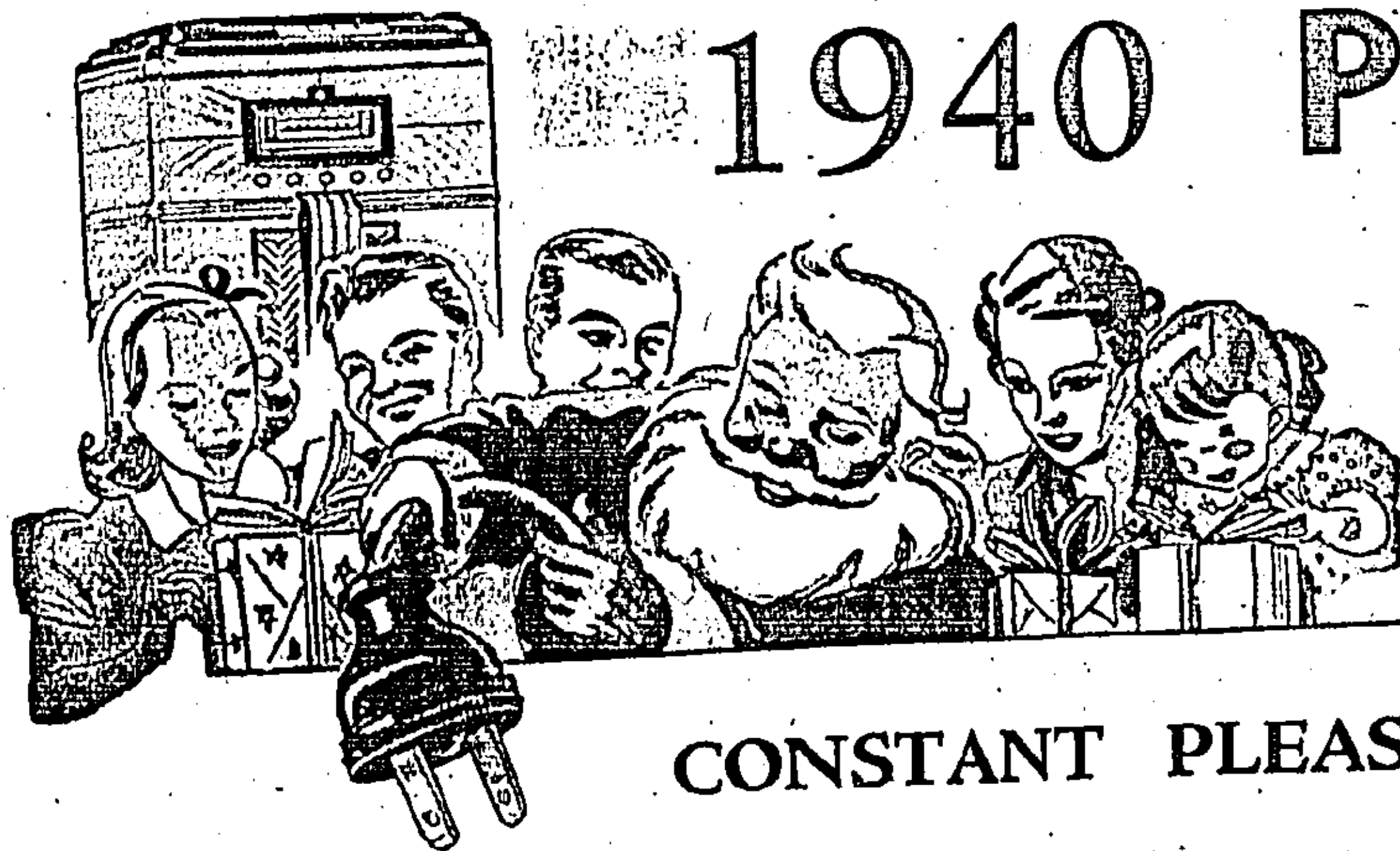
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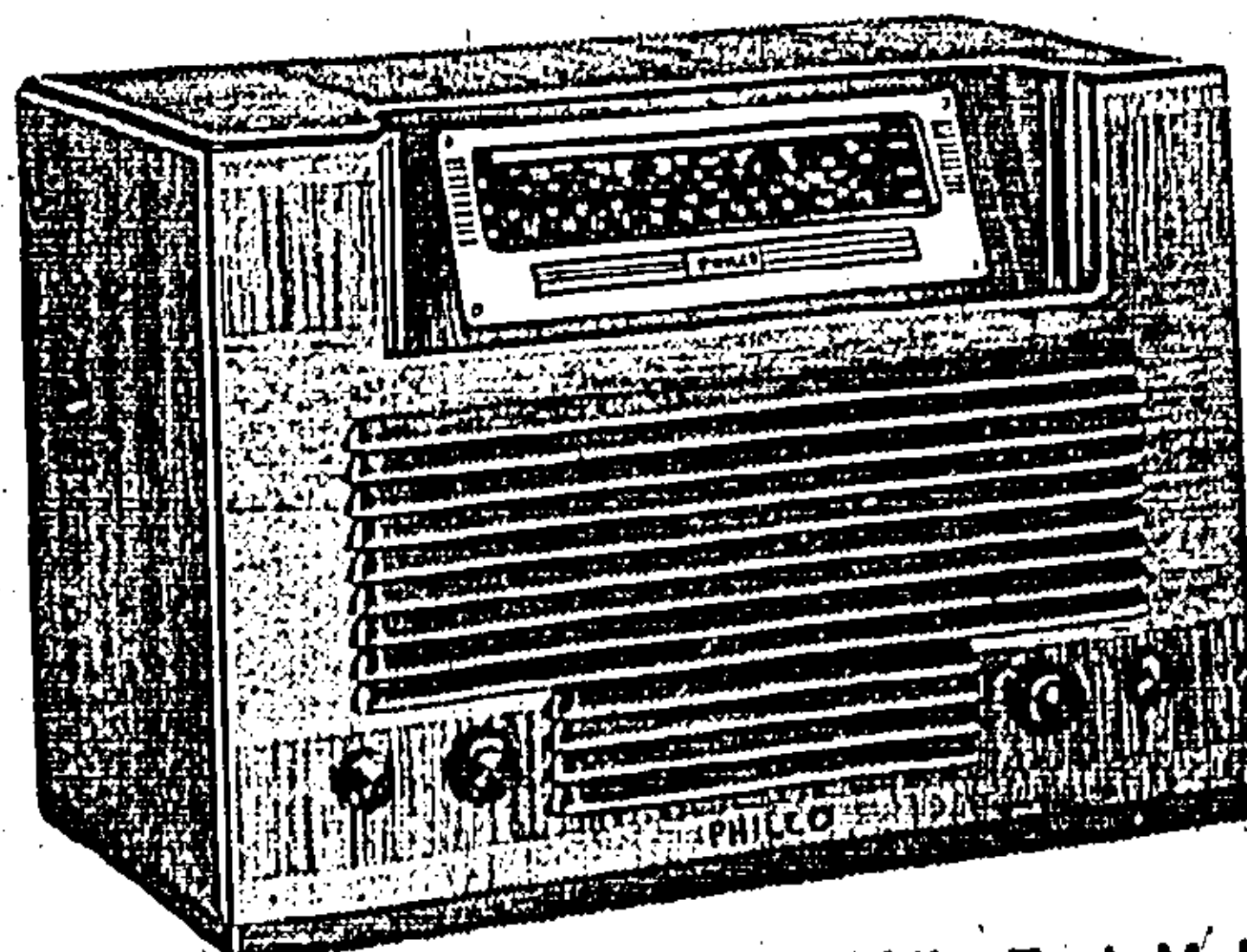
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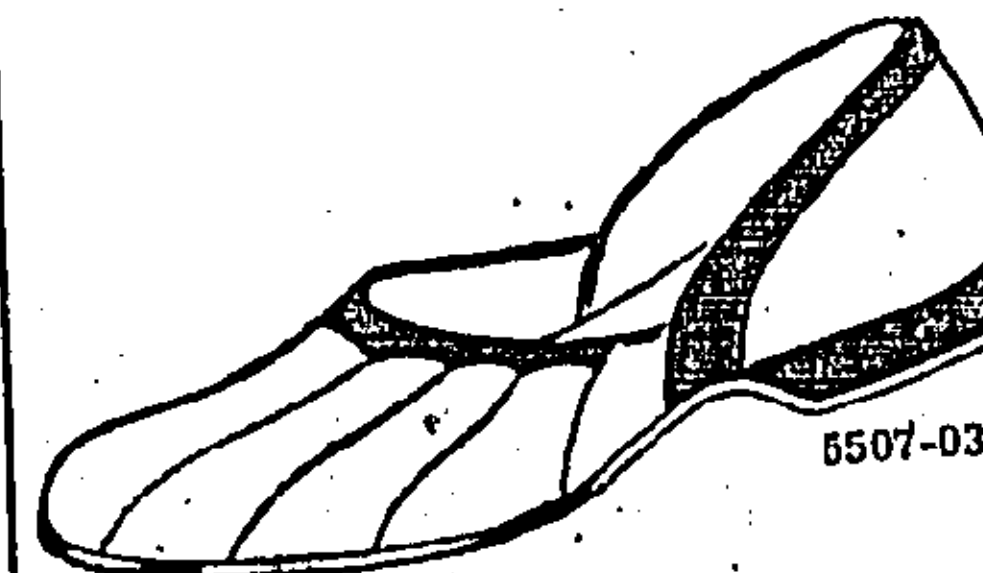
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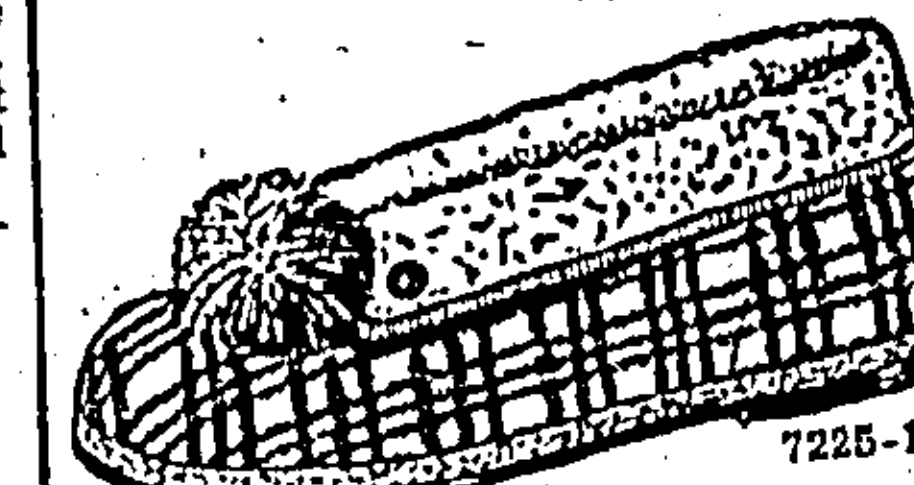
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THE TRANSFER BOOKS AND REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS will be closed from Friday, 1st December, 1939, to Friday, 22nd December, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN V. BRAGA,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th November, 1939.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says:

Market ruled very quiet but steady with business done in Banks at \$1,340 and Wharves at \$102.

Buyers	
H.K. Banks	\$1,335
Union Ins.	\$400
Wharves	\$101½
Star Ferries	\$60
Yau-mat Ferries	\$23½
China Lights (Old)	\$8.10
China Lights (New)	\$5
Electricity	\$53
Cement	\$14¼
Dairy Farms (Old)	\$20¼
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Entertainments	\$6.00
Constructions (Old)	\$1¼

Sellers	
H. & S. Hotels	\$5.15
Lands	\$34
Telephones (Old)	\$25
Cements	\$16¼
Watsons	\$8.55

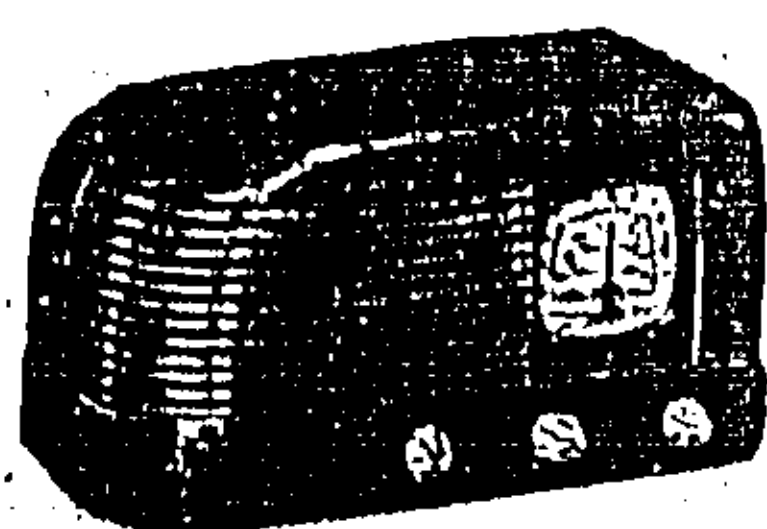
Sales	
H.K. Banks	\$1,340
Wharves	\$102
Docks	\$10½/7.00
Tramways	\$17
Entertainments	\$6¼

Manilla Gold Shares	
Atoks	18 s
Antamok	18½ s
Angamok	19½ s
Batong Bahay	0130 s
Big Wedge	22 s
Coco Grove	17 s
Con. Mines	0025 b
Demonstration	11 s
East-Mindanao	11½ s
I.X.L.	40 b
Ito Gold	14½ s
Ilogon Mining	27½ s
Mambulao Con.	017 b
Masbate Con.	10½ s
Mind. Motherlode	09¼ s
Mine Operation	10 b
North Camarines	15½ b
Paracale Camarines	18½ s
San Mauricio	01 s
Surigao Con.	16 b
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United Paracale	32 s

FLOATING MINES IN H.K. WATERS

Mines continue to float around the Colony's waters. Sub-Lieut. T. Parsons of the Hongkong Naval Defence Force has reported that he sighted a floating mine about 7 o'clock on Tuesday morning near the Adamastor Light. He sunk it from his launch with Lewis-gun fire opposite Cheung Chau harbour. Later he sighted three other drift-

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Wednesday, the 27th day of December, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 21 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upst. Price
1	No. 109	Mount Cameron Road, Repulse Bay, Lot No. 415	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	About 15,000	\$42	\$935
as per sale plan.						

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2	No. 110	South Bay Road, Repulse Bay	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	About 9,250	\$14	\$310
As per sale plan.						

Ing mines near Adamastor Light. They were moving in a westerly direction, and he reports that he considers them a danger to navigation. They have not yet been destroyed.

THE PEAK SCHOOL

Student Present Playlets At Annual Prize-Giving

Excellent entertainment was provided by children of the Peak School when they gave a delightful concert prior to the distribution of prizes which was held at the Peak Club yesterday. Lady MacGregor presided at the awards.

The programme opened with a musical presentation entitled "A Children's Fantasy," dealing with the old Woman who lived in a shoe. The children played and danced until the arrival of the Sleep Fairy, who enchants them and sends them to sleep.

The second part of this dealt with the dreams of the children. Much amusement was caused by the entry of the gnomes. The performers were from Classes 1 and 2.

The next presentation was scenes from "Toad of Toad Hall." Claire van Wylick as Toad was excellent. She gave an assured performance as the haughty Toad who even when in the custody of the law and facing trial, dared check the Court and Police.

The other chief performers in this playlet were Pamela Millett (the Judge), Mary Branson (Badger), Ann Thompson (Rat), Angela Court (Mole), Joan Woodward (Chief Wren) and John Sherry (Policeman). Those who took part in this were from Classes 3 and 4.

Lady MacGregor was presented with a basket of flowers after distributing the prizes. She expressed her pleasure at being present, and said both Sir Abell and herself took keen interest in the School and always looked forward to the day each year when the School held its sports in the grounds of their home.

She congratulated the winners, Head-mistress and Staff, and requested Mr. C. G. Solis (Director of Education), who was present, to grant the School a whole day's holiday.

The function closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

School Report

Presenting her report, the Head-mistress, Miss M. W. Newsholme, said:

The school opened on September 12 with 70 pupils, and this number has been the monthly average for the year.

In November Miss Cavill joined the school staff on arrival from England, when Miss Buckwell left us to take up the duties of Head-mistress at the Kowloon Junior School. In January Miss Cavill was transferred to Quarry Bay School and Miss Green rejoined the staff. In May Miss Talbot left the service to get married and Mrs. Ritchie was appointed in her place. Miss Greig replaced Miss Swift who went on home leave.

The health of the children has been good and the attendance accordingly only maintained.

The usual term examinations were held in March and July. After inspecting the March papers Mr. Ralston, Senior Inspector of Schools wrote, "I have examined the examination papers and scripts with great interest. The standard of achievement of pupils is generally more than satisfactory and the staff is to be congratulated on the care shown in setting and marking." On the July papers he stated again that the results obtained were entirely satisfactory.

We have received good reports again of children who have left us for schools in other parts of the world.

The school building has been repainted and colour-washed, the furniture polished and the pictures cleaned. An extra window has been made in Class 1, which has greatly improved the lighting. The boys' playground has been resurfaced and the lower playground refurled. A second electric clock has been provided. The premises are therefore in good conditions just now.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Staff for their willing and able assistance throughout the year.

Our thanks are especially due today to the committee of the Peak Club for the loan of this hall, the Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department for the loan of plants, the mothers for providing costumes.

We all wish to thank Lady MacGregor for her kindness in coming here this afternoon to distribute the prizes. (Applause).

Prize List
Those who received prizes were:
Class 1.—Special progress in reading, Nigel Rust; Special progress in numbers, Hugh Morgan; General progress, Ann Potter and Roland Morley.
Class 2.—General progress, Fiona Anderson; Progress in reading, Judy Price; Progress in numbers, Michael Stewart; special prize for neatness (presented by Miss Newsholme), David Hiley.
Class 3.—1st Prize, John Richards; 2nd Prize, Annick Mabbie; 3rd Prize, Pamela Millett; special prize for neatness (presented by Miss Newsholme), Jane Israel.
Class 4.—1st Prize, Mary Branson; 2nd Prize, Micheline Mabbie; 3rd Prize, Anna Thompson; special prize for neatness (presented by Miss Newsholme), Mary Branson; special prize for Music (presented by Miss Bichenor), Angela Court; special prize for Gardening (presented by Miss Bichenor), Lillian Richmond.

Canadian Gives War Hospital

TORONTO, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—A private citizen of Toronto has given \$150,000 (about £30,000) to pay for a hospital in Buckinghamshire, England.

Canada will thus have its first war hospital overseas.

The gift was made to the Toronto branch of the Red Cross Society.

WAR NEARLY STARTED IN S. W. AFRICA, SAYS SMUTS

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had been on South Africa, who possessed her former colonies.

Wants World Domination
Germany was out not merely to remove old wrongs but to seize all the neighbouring nations and then to dominate the world.

Regarding the question of independence, General Smuts said that no small nation could safeguard its freedom on its own feet.

If South Africa seceded from the Empire she would have to seek the guarantee of a great Power and the only one possible was Britain.

A motion of confidence in General Smuts was given with acclamation. Political writers describe the meeting as a great personal triumph for General Smuts, showing that his policy is increasingly supported as it becomes understood and the world situation develops.

NAZI LIES ANSWERED

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ships, including neutrals. They now dare to operate only.

1.—Against neutrals inside territorial waters.

2.—In the Baltic.

3.—Machine-gunning trawlers;

4.—Mine-laying the trading lanes normally used by neutral shipping.

The Canadians

The Canadian troops arriving in England were entirely recruited by voluntary enlistment. French-speaking Canadians called as eagerly as English-speaking Canadians, emphasising the overwhelming verdict of the Quebec general election.

They constitute a citizen force from every province, all classes and sections coming to fight in defence of the liberties and values at stake in the present struggle.

Arriving on the same day was the agreement signed between the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand to establish the Empire air training organisation in Canada to produce tens of thousands of airmen yearly, thus, by a co-operative effort, winning predominance in the air similar to that enjoyed at sea.

Palestine Medal To Be Struck

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that the King has commanded that a general service medal with a clasp "Palestine," shall be granted to the forces employed in the geographical limits of Palestine and Trans-Jordan between April 10, 1936, and September 3, 1939, both inclusive.

Columbus Scuttling Nazis Kept In Ignorance

White House Issues New Statement

BERLIN, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Up to a late hour to-day, Germans were not allowed to know that the Columbus had been scuttled by her crew, nor did they know that the French had sunk two more U-boats.

No Naval Action

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Mr. Stephen Early, the White House Secretary, declared that the most complete reports now received have convinced the United States Government that the Columbus had scuttled herself in order to avoid the risk of encounter or seizure outside the Neutrality Zone.

No naval action or encounter was reported. Therefore, the question of any violation of the Neutrality Zone is not involved.

LANGSDORF TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

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scuttle the Graf Spee he had intended, after disembarking the crew, to die aboard in the explosion.

Hitler Branded

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued to-day states:

"The news just received that Captain Langsdorff has committed suicide bears out the view previously taken that the scuttling of the Graf Spee was directly ordered by Hitler, that her ignominious end is as great a violation of the traditions of the old German Navy as the cowardly sinking of defenceless merchantmen and trawlers."

Berlin Shocked

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—News of the Langsdorff suicide came as an unpleasant shock to German official circles, "Reuter" learns from Berlin.

The Propaganda Ministry has not yet decided whether or in what form the news can be published in the newspapers.

U.S. Denial

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (UP).—

State Department officials deny reports from South America that the United States had participated in Uruguay's decision to expel the Graf Spee and that they had promised to send a warship to help in the enforcement of the order. They described the reports as being "absolutely baseless."



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Monday, 25th December.
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Tuesday, 26th December.
G. P. O. 8 a.m. to Noon; K. P. O. 8 a.m. to Noon; Sheungwan 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

All other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day on Sundays and one delivery of Registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 25th and at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 26th.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 11 a.m.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

Christmas and New Year Cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes and accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents for 2 ounces, for all countries. Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces. Envelopes must not be closed.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 1 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m. Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 13th Dec. 21.

Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 13th November) Dec. 21.

Haliphong Dec. 21.

Shanghai Dec. 21.

Straits Dec. 21.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 15th Dec. Dec. 22.

U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco date, 22nd Nov.) Dec. 22.

Australia and Manila Dec. 22.

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Shanghai Dec. 22.

Straits Dec. 22.

Japan Dec. 22.

London and Straits Dec. 22.

Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th Nov.) Dec. 23.

Haliphong and Hoihow Dec. 23.

Japan and Shanghai Dec. 23.

Sandakan Dec. 23.

Shanghai and Amoy Dec. 23.

Calcutta and Straits Dec. 23.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 16th Dec. Dec. 24.

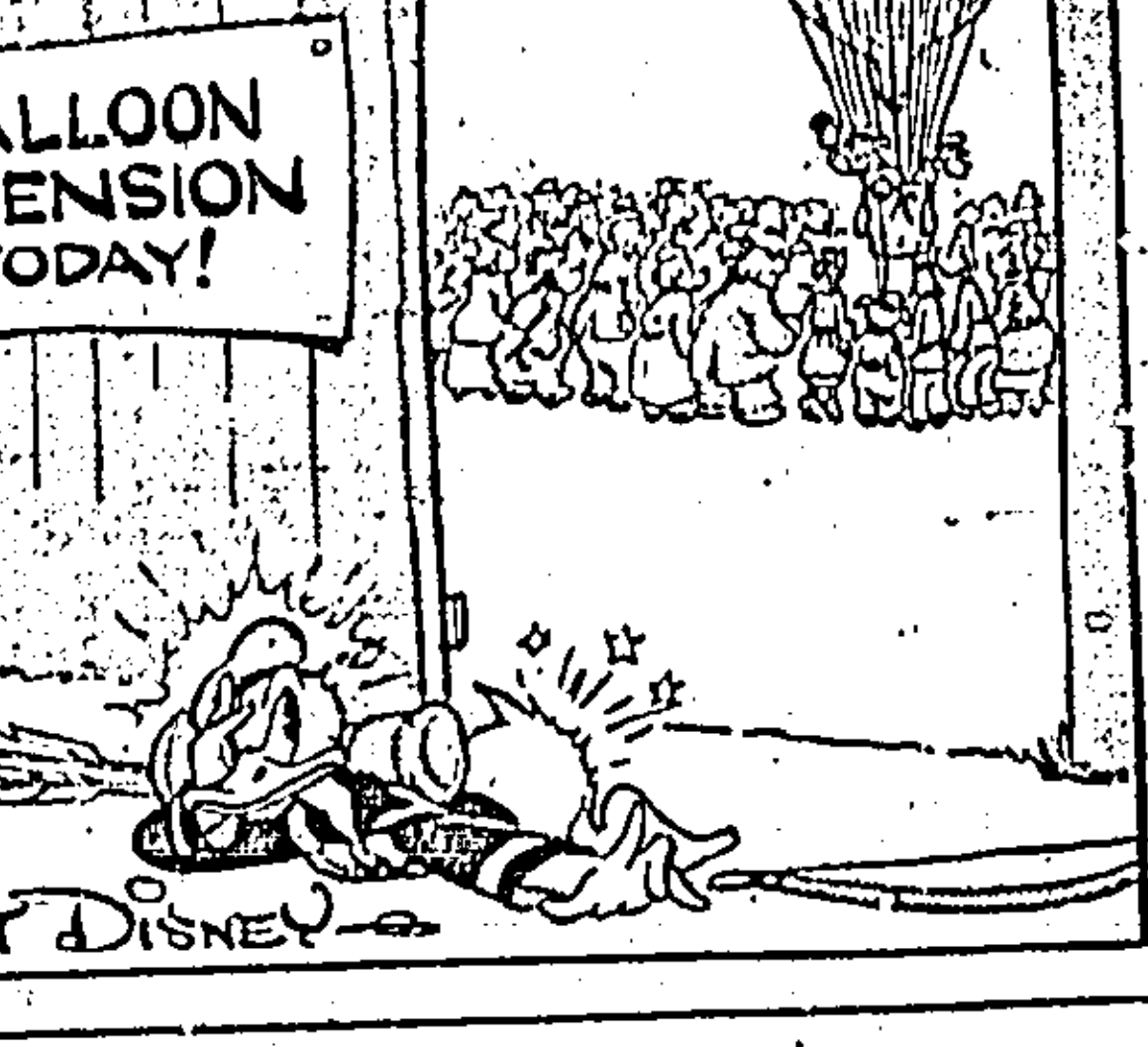
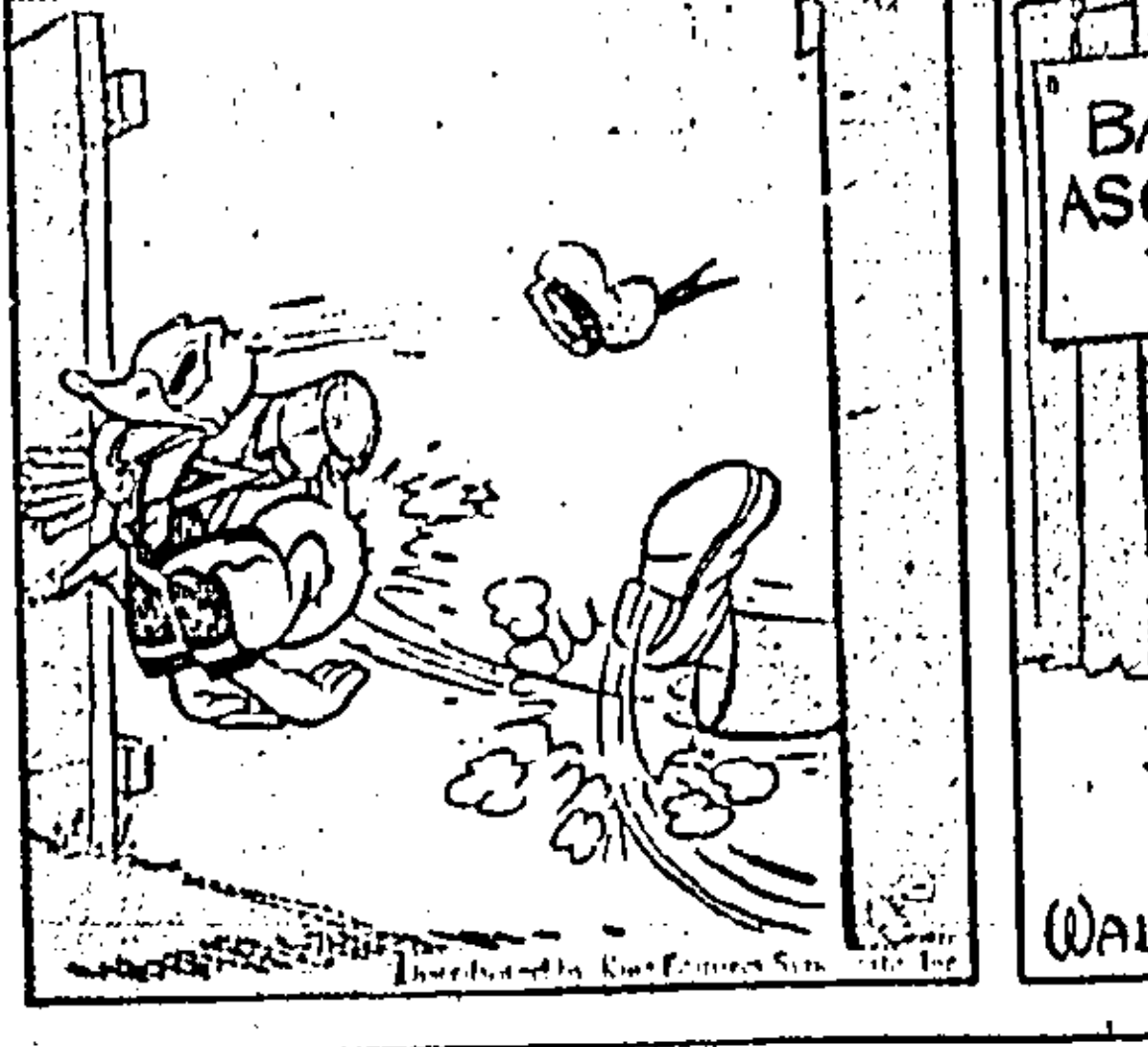
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Far East Policy

No Drastic Changes Expected

Washington, Dec. 20. It is understood that after studying the report from the American Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Grew, regarding his third interview with the Japanese Foreign Minister, Admiral Nomura, the State Department will send fresh instructions to Mr. Grew who will continue negotiations.

Mr. Kensei Hironouchi, the Japanese Ambassador, will seek an interview with the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull.

A high State Department official said at present is not contemplating introducing any drastic changes in the existing Japan-American commerce with the hope of the 1911 Treaty of Commerce on January 26.

He added that the State Department has no intention to apply preventive measures against the trade between the two countries even though the existing treaty loses its validity so long as the American-Japanese negotiations are progressing.

United Press reports that Mr. Cordell Hull said that he had not completed his study of Mr. Grew's report regarding the United States claims for losses in China.

No Discussion Yet

Washington, Dec. 20. President Roosevelt in response to

EXTRA- SETTLEMENT

Settling, Policing Question With Puppet Mayor

Shanghai, Dec. 20. The Shanghai Municipal Council's reply to the puppet Mayor Fu Siou-en's proposals on the outside roads policing question was handed to Mr. Fu Siou-en last night when a call was made on him by Mr. Cornell S. Franklin, Chairman of the Council, and Mr. Godfrey Phillips, Secretary of the Council.

Commander Neyron, Italian Consul-General and Senior Consul in Shanghai, and Mr. Y. Miura, Japanese Consul-General, accompanied the officials on their visit to the Mayor's residence.

press questions as to whether or not he was hopeful of a settlement of the American Japanese questions, said the subject arose when he met Mr. Hull upon his return to Washington yesterday, but they decided to defer discussion until more information is available.

Abrogation's Effect

Washington, Dec. 20. Mr. Edward L. Bacher, United States Chamber of Commerce foreign trade expert, believes that the abrogation of the Japanese-American treaty in January would not result in any immediate important dislocation of trade.

When the expiration date arrives, trade between the United States and Japan will not cease, as some people apparently think. The abrogation frees the United States to take whatever action she wishes.

Soviet "Shyness" Blow To His Hopes?

HITLER WARNED OF "FAILURE CHANCES"

MADAME TABOUI, FAMOUS FRENCH DIPLOMATIC COMMENTATOR, TODAY REVEALS SOME OF THE REASONS WHY HITLER STILL HESITATES TO LAUNCH THE WAR.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, IN HIS TALKS WITH HIS ADVISERS, HE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF FAILURE AND ENVISAGED THE LIKELIHOOD OF HIS OWN "RETIREMENT" IF CERTAIN PLANS FAILED.

By MADAME TABOUI

THERE are three outstanding facts about Hitler's recent series of consultations with civil and military chiefs in Berlin.

Firstly, a speech by the Fuhrer in which it is understood he announced his desire to carry out shortly "levee en masse" in Germany rather than wait successful outcome of the Nazi offensive in the West, as certain generals advise.

["Levee en masse" implies that the whole country is called to take arms at the approach of an enemy.]

The second fact is: For the first time the Fuhrer discussed in the presence of military chiefs and Nazi party leaders the possibility of failure on the Western Front.

He laid down that the offensive in the West be carried out in three phases:

- No. 1, Recovery of the territory lost in front of the Siegfried Line—which has now been practically achieved.
- No. 2, Simultaneous offensives—which can be launched whenever the Fuhrer gives the order—against the northern sector of the Maginot Line, and against Britain by occupying a "corridor" in Holland which would give German forces 30 miles of coastline on which to base attacks on Britain.
- No. 3, Mass offensive against the whole Maginot Line by way of Belgium, the North Sea coast, and Switzerland.

According to indiscreet revelations in Nazi circles, Hitler declared that in case of failure of any important operation forming part of the Western offensive, the Reichswahr would carry out a methodical withdrawal of forces from the left to the right bank of the Rhine.

The Army would hold this line in support of diplomatic action of the Nazi Government to obtain peace, guaranteeing unity of the Reich in accordance with the Munich agreement, but including Danzig.

The Fuhrer added that if this move could succeed only on condition of his retirement, he would be ready in the interests of his "great work" to take the "generous and heroic decisions necessary." Nazi circles took this to mean that the Fuhrer would abdicate if that would facilitate re-establishment of peace with the democracies.

More Power For The Nazi Party

When in March 1936 he laid before the generals his plan for re-occupation of the Rhineland, and they were frightened by his audacity, he declared that if France and Britain moved against him he would commit suicide. Nevertheless, the fact that he even considers the possibility of failure is worthy of note.

The third outstanding fact is the extraordinary speech the Fuhrer made that Sunday morning to Gauleiters and Sathallers, enjoining them to apply martial law henceforth in their respective districts.

This means that he gave them the opportunity of acting as "guardians" of the army. Party decisions, therefore, can no longer be questioned by the military.

Hitler literally fascinated these Nazi officials by telling them: "You approved my orders of June 1934, the object of which was to carry on party work without hindrance. To-day we must reap the fruits of our work. Anyone who gets in our way must fall. The great future of the Reich and the still greater future of the party is at stake. You are the party. It is, therefore, a question of you and of all of us and our lives. Strike the blow. I will not allow anyone to criticise your orders."

Desperate Pro-Stalin Policy

"Henceforth there must be only one party in the State—the Workers' Party. I trust you, Gauleiters to strike down reaction, no matter where it hides itself."

Foreign observers in Berlin consider this a desperate attempt on the part of the Fuhrer to rally the masses of the Reich around him by a pro-Stalin policy, while endeavouring to avoid any blow directed against him—for he is aware that in the Politburo, General Voroshilov and Shaposhnikov have been saying that it was not worth while choosing Germans as allies if the Russian authorities were not determined to get more advantages from the association with the Reich.

Hitler must also be aware that leaflets are being printed in Moscow lauding Stalin and making Hitler responsible for war. At any rate, a week after his speech the Fuhrer is still hesitating to attack.

The imperative reason for this is now known. Seeing that the Kremlin does not want to enter a military alliance with Germany or even to support her with planes, submarines or other war material, Hitler finally tried to obtain through the German Charge d'Affaires in Moscow, a promise that in case German reserves were exhausted in attack on the West, Stalin would come to his aid with "an expeditionary force of Red volunteers."

Stalin wishes to submit this delicate question to the Politburo for minute diplomatic examination. He considers it would be dangerous for the Soviet to modify the present policy of "pacific neutrality."

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It is understood that suggested designs, are being studied. There will very probably be six stamps ranging up to \$1. The most popular idea appears to be scenic reproductions, but

It is the desire that the design be also symbolic of the progress made since 1841.

Government does not propose to hold a competition, but in reply to an inquiry it was said that suggestions would be welcomed.

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The Infant

NOWADAYS Christmas is for most people merely a holiday, not a holy day. The pagan features of the festival have become predominant; although, to be sure, they have been transfigured by the spirit of Christmas charity. The Church has always shown a far-seeing sagacity in adapting old pre-Christian observances in new and finer usages. Thus the universal custom of present-giving recalls one aspect of the Roman Saturnalia, a riotous week during which all social conventions were relaxed and dissolved into frivolity. Every citizen then expected to get presents from all his friends, and the plutocrat's poor clients give gifts they could ill afford—more often than not, no doubt, in the hopes of being remembered in his will.

Hongkong has supported generously during the past year the various organisations that are an outgrowth of the wars on two continents, and there is cause for satisfaction in noting the announcement earlier this week that the British War Organisation Fund now exceeds three lakhs.

At the same time, it is no disloyal or unworthy question to ask at this Season of Goodwill whether we are not forgetting that charity also begins at home; that in this Colony we have several organisations, living by hand-to-mouth even before the war in China and the war in Europe drained much of their revenue—a revenue upon whom Life itself verily depends.

One such organisation is the Society for the Protection of Children. We gave publicly to its annual report a few days ago; noted that the income of the families of those whom it is supporting is lowering than at any other period in its history; noted further that but for the generosity of an anonymous contributor, there would have been a heart-breaking deficit of some seven or eight hundred dollars.

This Society cannot distribute Christmas cheer to the people for whom it cares. It has, indeed, insufficient revenue to save the lives of any but the families whose income averages less than \$1.75 per month. It would be impossible to compute the number of infant lives the S.P.C. has saved with its milk and broths during the years of its existence. Even more impossible to compute are the number of lives

CHRISTMAS IN FINLAND

TRUDA PANET, A Hongkong lady who spent several years in Finland, tells "Telegraph" readers of Christmas in the land victimised by Russia.

DECEMBER 1 is called "Little Christmas" in Finland and a sort of minor Christmas spirit reigns from that date right through the month, till, when at last the 25th comes, one is tired out by the strain of keeping up, for so long, the festive atmosphere becoming the season.

Tired out, that is, if one is a foreigner. The Finns, like Germans and Scandinavians, love Christmas time so much that it is almost impossible for them to feel that it can be overcelebrated.

SHOULD snow fall in December in Helsingfors, the charm of the scene of the market place can only be described by that hackneyed phrase... "like an old-fashioned Christmas card."

The harbour is blotted out by a forest of fir trees that have been brought by sledge and boat to be bought by the townspeople. The stalls are decorated with coloured paper and bunting. Gay balloons hover overhead. The sun—though at this time of year it climbs scarcely higher than the roofs of the houses, does not rise till 11 o'clock and sets promptly at 3—glitters during its short workday, on the snowy roofs and trees.

Faces, whipped to red by the cold, smile out of fur caps and collars. The noisy cobbles are still by snow. No sound of traffic jars the ears. The jangle of sleigh bells and the hissing rattle of tyre chains are the only warnings of its presence in the streets. Car drivers are never, except in a case of emergency, allowed to use their horns in Helsingfors, and the quiet is restful and most pleasant.

EVERY family in the town is buying its Christmas trees. The poorer people carry theirs away themselves, after carrying the thick end of the trunk, mother and children, beaming and gleeful, supporting the branches. The pavements are a tangle of pedestrians and horizontal trees. Richer families hire a drosky or sleigh and troop proudly off holding an enormous tree upright over their heads.

Arrived at home, the fir tree is set in a stand in a favoured corner of the room and then decorated. Coloured candles, silver tinsel, tiny witch-balls, bright festoons of paper are draped over it and sweets and tiny presents labelled with the name of the recipient are hung on every twig. Bigger presents are draped round the foot. Then, for the two or three days that remain before Christmas Eve, the tree is gazed upon. The candles are lit, other lights in the room are extinguished, and an admiring crowd stare at the little points of lights till their eyes are tired and strained. What hurt looks the foreigner received, if she like me, turns away to rest her eyes too soon!

Christmas Day itself is a Sabbath to be kept in quiet and seclusion. All the festivities take place on Christmas Eve. All day long people pay brief visits to one another, carrying little presents and admiring their friends' decorated trees. Then between three and five o'clock the Christmas dinner is served on a table decorated with red wooden triple candlesticks.

TO US, it seems a strange meal, but like ours, it is founded on old traditions handed down from generation to generation. First comes "lut-fisk" a sort of ling caught in the summer, dried and soaked in water two or three days before cooking. It is slightly glutinous, and eaten with white sauce. Then a hot delicious ham, served with prunes, which bring out its flavour wonderfully, French mustard and boiled potatoes. Next is a dish of rice, plain, boiled rice,

that have been sacrificed in this Colony where one of every three infants born dies on the altar of poverty and malnutrition before it attains the age of twelve months—sacrificed for want of the nourishing foods the S.P.C. is forced so sparingly to distribute because of lack of funds.

Particularly at this season, when we commemorate the birth of an Infant, we should remember that all creature comforts are divine gifts and should be shared with our less fortunate neighbours.

We should never be permitted to forget the sacred significance of the festival which commemorates the most wonderful event in the world's history.



made more palatable by powdered cinnamon. In the dish, however large, is one single almond embedded. Whoever is fortunate enough to find that in his helping will be lucky for a whole year after. The last course consists of special three-cornered jam tarts of puff pastry.

After dinner, toasts and speeches comes the great moment of opening the presents. One by one the parcels from around the tree are given out and everyone watches the lucky recipient open it. Not till it has been admired by all is the next parcel handed over—so the enjoyment is prolonged for all. Sometimes the door is opened surreptitiously and a

large parcel slides across the polished floor, propelled by an unseen hand. It is all most simple and enjoyable. Grown ups and children alike experience the same thrill and pleasure.

Next day, Christmas Day, is spent in church-going and quiet family gatherings, and it is not until Boxing Day, as we call it, that parties are in full swing.

THE Christmas tree still retains its place of honour in the house. Every night that the family spends at home it is illuminated and gazed at. Then, on Twelfth Night, it is the centre of the last sad ceremony. All

its illuminations and decorations are stripped off and the family join hands and sing songs of farewell walking round and round the bare branches, rather brown and withered now. Regretfully, the servants remove it to be burnt, and then and only then, is the end of the long Christmas season in sight.

So the shortest, darkest days of the long Finnish winter are tidied over. After the New Year the days grow longer with such seeming rapidity that the coming of Spring, though still nearly five months ahead, seems within our grasp, so to speak, and the winter days, with their longer hours of sunshine grow pleasanter every week.

SONGS THAT HAIL CHRISTMAS

Interesting Facts About Carols

WHO sang the first Christmas carol? Properly speaking, it was sung by the angels whose voices filled the midnight air with music, when the shepherds arrived at the stable where lay the new-born King: "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace to men of goodwill."

If, however, as it is believed, the word carol signified originally a dance-song, in which the participants moved in unison, while a leader sang the verses and the company joined in chorus, we must seek later origin.

Before the establishment of the police force in England, watchmen or "wails" were employed in every city to guard property. It was their duty to sound a horn or ring a bell every hour to let the citizens know all was well.

In the eighteenth century it became the custom for those men to play complete tunes on their instruments at Christmas time, and to call at each house on Christmas morning to collect money and presents from the people.

The year 1822, however, saw the establishment of the police force by Peel; thenceforth ordinary individuals played and sang in place of the redundant watchmen. This was the origin of the Christmas "wails."

Of Portuguese Origin

That most beautiful carol, the *Adeste Fideles*, which enjoys international and deathless popularity, is everywhere called the "Portuguese" hymn. By analogy with the "Sicilian Mariners' Air" it used to be sufficient to say that it was the most precious song of the Portuguese sailor. This

reference was dropped when Mr. Ward, Bishop of Brentwood, proved that the carol was sung in English-speaking countries for the first time at the Portuguese Embassy Chapel in South Street, Victoria, London.

In 1808, when Vincent Novello became organist there, he found the carol or hymn (at the time Christmas carols were unknown) and ascribed it to the seventeenth century John Reading, of the Chapel Royal.

As the leading figure of an extensive musical circle, Novello was able to popularise the tune in London and to make it known all over Europe and the States.

Many airs emanated from the Portuguese Embassy, yet the *Adeste* alone acquired the appellation "Portuguese." Why?

The truth is, the composer, Marcus Antonio, hailed from Portugal. Born in Lisbon in 1702, he completed his apprenticeship in his native city and became a prominent official of the Opera of Madrid. Here he completed his masterpiece, *Speranza*, from which the Portuguese national anthem is derived.

The *Adeste*, it is thought, was written about 1778. The author's intimate connection with various Continental Embassies facilitated the dispersion of the hymn among Latin nations east and west, and via London throughout the rest of the civilised world.

Through carols the Christmas spirit adds a new ecstasy to existence, awakes to life the consciousness of every source of delight as in "The Holly and the Ivy":

"The rising of the sun,
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir."

The carol dances joyfully through the Christmas story, a song of jubilation, for the tidings are of comfort, raising hearts spontaneously to heights where sorrows are forgotten. How Singing Saved a Town

There is a story told of how a carol saved the old town of Eldorado. It happened on Christmas Eve in days when persecution swept over one-time Merrie England. Word had been received that the fanatical Puritans were coming to tear down everything that savoured of the holy season.

Children ran weeping to the arms of their mothers, all but one little choir boy who had been so busy with one thing and another that he did not hear the news, or if he heard, did not comprehend.

As usual, he went to his place in the choir stalls of the old church for the Christmas carols practice which

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"You don't have to make a scene—I only called him 'Darling' because I couldn't remember his name."

SANTA'S BAG IS EMPTY IN POLAND

WARSAW'S Christmas this year is a grim one. While the rest of the world are feasting her civil population are in want of almost every essential human need.

There is no heating. There is little food. The daily ration works out at about two ounces a head. There is no tobacco. There are no cigarettes. None of these has been on sale for months. Poles are heavy smokers, and would be content to smoke herbs or weeds, or even chopped potato peel, but even these are scarce.

There is no such thing as wine. But the saddest angle of the situation is that the children's milk supply has been reduced.

There is no oil with which to cook the small rations of peas, beans and lentils issued three weekly. But Warsaw's people have not yet lost their sense of humour, although their increasing hardships have made great inroads on their traditional optimism. The pain Poland is enduring will never be fully realised by the outside world. On top of all the hardships there is, of course, the constant danger to life because of the frequent shelling of the city.

Meat is unobtainable. Some institutions are arranging special entertainment for children, but there will be no Christmas trees. The toyshop are practically empty. Santa Claus need not call here. There is nothing to put in his bag.

ITALY

Fish Feast Round Yule Log

With a soft wind and rain, Rome looks like having the warmest Christmas of any place in Europe. In Italy Christmas celebrations are divided into two parts—those for the grown-ups held on Christmas Eve and those for the children on Twelfth Night.

Christmas Eve, like Christmas Day in England, is chiefly a festival of eating, but as it is a fast day in the Catholic Church there are no turkeys or other fowls, nor are there any plum puddings.

The place of the turkey is taken by fish prepared in an infinite number of ways and with a cake made of cornflour, while the place of pudding is taken by toffee made of almonds and honey. These delicacies are eaten around a burning Yule log.

ARGENTINA

Argentina is celebrating Christmas sweltering in temperatures ranging from 84 to 104 degrees but the usual festivities will take place though in many cases turkey and plum-pudding are eaten at 10.30 p.m. on Boxing Day. Riverside and seaside resorts are packed by people escaping the torrid heat of the cities. Innumerable dances are scheduled in Buenos Ayres, proprietors of air-conditioned saloons reaping a harvest.

DIVORCE PENDING

Daughter Of Rajah Of Sarawak And Wrestler

Hollywood, Dec. 20. Bob Gregory, a professional wrestler, stated that he intends to divorce his wife, formerly Miss Valerie Brooke, daughter of the Rajah of Sarawak.

Gregory announced in December 1937 that he and Valerie were leaving England for America where he would fulfil wrestling engagements that would earn him £10,000. Valerie was accepting a film offer from Warner Bros.

When Valerie arrived in March last year to join her husband she told reporters: "My father cut off my allowance when I was married, so Bob and I decided to make our own living. My ambition is to make a screen test and become another Ginger Rogers."

The Rajah later denied that he had cut off Valerie's allowance of £500 a year, although he had stopped it for two months.

According to Hollywood reports received in London in October 1938, Valerie and her husband were to separate. Gregory is reported to have stated before entering the ring for a wrestling bout that Valerie was leaving for England and he hoped there would be reconciliation soon. There were no hard feelings.

Subsequent messages stated that Mrs. Gregory had signed a contract with Universal Film to play the part of a circus bareback rider in the picture, "You Can't Cheat An Honest Man." Mrs. Gregory stated that she was on her way to England to seek film work there when she received Valerie's offer.

While inspecting the very scanty costume provided for her in the role of a "hochie-cochie" dancer in her first film engagement, she remarked: "It is lucky my father and mother are 4,000 miles away. If my marrying Bob made them angry, I should hate to see their faces when they hear about this."

CHRISTMAS ROUND THE WORLD

FROM all parts of the globe are gathered on this page messages from correspondents telling how Christmas is being celebrated the world over.

In war-ridden Europe, in the peace of the snow-clad slopes of Norway and Sweden, on the crowded beaches of sun-drenched Australia—everywhere, in fact, where conditions and peoples contrast in manner and environment—thoughts will turn to the traditions of Bethlehem.

Even the Nazis have failed to paganise Christmas, most Germans will celebrate in the old way with its religious significance.

GERMANY

MAJORITY DEFIES NAZI PAGANISM AND CELEBRATES

BERLIN.

DESPITE official discouragement, nine out of ten homes in Germany will celebrate Christmas Eve in traditional manner.

Children will wait in the darkness to be led into the room where the Christmas tree stands blazing with candles, presents piled high beneath it and, in a corner, a manger with farm animals around it and Mary nursing the Christ-child.

For the first time in many years some houses in Berlin will be without trees. The masses of Christmas trees piled at street corners have all been sold and no more are to be obtained—not that there is a shortage of trees, but because of the mysterious lack of railway trucks, which have also left many families without coal and firewood for the festive season.

All efforts of the Nazis to substitute the pagan Solstice feast for Christmas and de-Christianise the festival have failed; and from early morning onwards all churches will be overfilled to-morrow and on Christmas Day.

AUSTRALIA

100 In The Shade, Beaches Packed

Despite the drought in Victoria, the most severe for many years, Melbourne is enjoying brilliant Christmas sunnyskies. Resorts are crowded and beaches are packed with swimmers and holiday-makers.

Sheffield Shield cricket is progressing on the historic Melbourne ground with Victorian and New South Wales Test players holding the stage.

Shopkeepers report a tremendous buying boom and despite temperatures nearing the 100 mark the poultry market has sold out of turkeys.

Race meetings will be held throughout the State.

HOLLAND

Christmas trees will be illuminated in many homes to-morrow night, and there will be carol-singing, bun-fests and dinners of rolled beef.

Thousands are making it a skating holiday on the frozen canals.

INDIA

Bombay is celebrating in balmy weather, with bright sunshine, which is drawing holiday-makers to the open-air. Some favoured mortals, with several days' leave, have departed for a week's cruise to Ceylon.

Others are going up country to camp in rural spots and indulge in the sport of "shikar," duck and deer shooting. Many spend the days picnicking and swimming or playing tennis or golf.

HUNGARY

The usual Christmas rush is much less noticeable this year in Budapest than in other years. The big changes in politics bear on the public mind.

JAPAN

Order For Economy

Owing to the national emergency, the rising cost of living and the fact that the Japanese Government has stressed the need for economy, normal Christmas celebrations in Tokyo will be confined to the foreign community.

Most of the foreigners will celebrate the festival quietly in their own homes. Some of the younger set, however, are spending the holiday skiing in the nearby mountain resorts.

Huge loads of pine trees and bamboos are coming into the city, but these are only required for the 600-year-old custom of decorating the porches of Japanese houses for the New Year. Money is plentiful in Tokyo, but officialdom is frowning on extravagant celebrations and gifts.

NORWAY

Eating, Skating, Ski-ing

Christmas divides Oslo's population into two groups. One leaves the city for an old-fashioned Christmas in the country. The other stays at home. Family feasts will be the order of the day, with plenty of ski-ing and skating.

Lesson Of Finland

Philippines Sees Hope For Successful Defence

Manila, Dec. 20.

In an editorial on the completion of the military training of 20,000 additional Filipinos for raising the reserve strength to 120,000, the Philippine Herald compares Finland's military strength with the Philippines' contemplated 1940 strength of 360,000 reserves, a 20,000-man standing army, and a few torpedo boats, which "bolsters our belief in the ability of the Philippines to maintain national security."

"Unaided, Finland will be eventually reduced, but what interests us is the fact that Finland's performance so far has borne out the basic theory that our defence, namely a defended shore, is virtually impregnable. No Russian landing so far has been made by sea, and the only Soviet gains have been made on land."

—United Press.

Chinese Nervous

Manila, Dec. 20.

The former Ambassador at Washington and present Chairman of the Board of the Philippine Bank of Communications, Mr. C. T. Wang, the Chinese Consul General, Mr. C. Kuang-sheng Young, and the President of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Senior Alfonso Symp, conferred with President Quezon.

There has been no announcement, but it is reliably stated that they discussed the Commonwealth's plan for gradual nationalisation of the retail trade, of which Chinese merchants at present control 80 per cent.

It is recalled that the Chinese Consul General recently issued a memorandum to Mr. Sayre, Philippine High Commissioner, contending that the plan would violate the Sino-American treaties.

It is understood that President Quezon told the Chinese leaders that the programme will be carried out gradually to avoid infringing on existing rights of alien retailers. However, eventually all retailing must be placed under Filipino control.

—United Press.

CHRISTMAS CEREMONY

Nativity Play and Choir Singing At Christ Church

A Nativity Play, which will largely take the form of a number of tableaux and the presentation of appropriate songs, is to be presented at the Christ Church, Waterloo Road, Kowloon, to-morrow night at 8.45 p.m.

The words will come largely direct from the Bible story, while the music will be supplied by a choir and partly by the congregation.

The musical arrangements have been made by Mrs. Goodban and Mr. John Smith, while many others have helped with properties, costumes, music, etc.

All will be welcomed at the Church to hear the Christmas presentation.

Houses are gay with lighted trees, and the families will dance round them singing old-time songs.

CANADA

Christmas at Ottawa will be quiet. Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General, and the Premier will attend church in the morning.

There will be no staff ball at Government House this year, but the Governor is giving presents to his Indian and outdoor staff to-day.

Canada celebrates Christmas always in a quiet way from coast to coast.

A LOOK AT THE COLONY'S SHOPS

CHRISTMAS shoppers, so intent on their job, are a Christmas entertainment.

A reporter took a stand for an hour in each of four big Hongkong stores, observing shoppers.

Later, the results were tabulated.

1. Nine out of ten were women.
2. One-third were accompanied, chiefly by women; sometimes by children; rarely, by men.
3. Not one man was accompanied by another.
4. Only one shopper in 20 carried a parcel.

Conversation was practically nil.

It is only when you settle down to exact observation that you realise what a strong silent Englishwoman the Hongkong shopper can be.

★ Price, First And Last

Here are typical specimens of shoppers' talk:

- "How much?"
"Perfectly sweet."
"No, not stripes?"
"Is it British made?"
"Sorry!"
"Thank you."

Women's buying technique is entirely different from man's.

Women approach the goods first and look for the price ticket; men approach the assistant and ask the price after they have made their selection.

★ Mirror Lure

The time element with men was a mere fraction compared with women. One woman, an extreme example, took 25 minutes to select a \$5 scarf.

The quickest purchase by a man was a woman's \$50 dressing-case in 2½ minutes.

Men walked in the centre of the aisles. Women edged along the counters examining as they went.

At one counter containing comb, brush and mirror sets, one woman in every three picked up one of the mirrors and had a good look at her face.

★ A Note On Notes

Among 30 enquiries made, six were for the book department, 10 for the toys, three for linens, and two for bicycles.

The six for the book department were all made by young people. Most shoppers seemed to know what they wanted, and to carry the knowledge in their heads.

Only seven people with shopping lists were noted—four of them men.

U. S. A.

Roosevelt Will Hang Stocking

America will spend Christmas convinced she has once more climbed from depression and is on the road to prosperity—if the world will keep from war.

President Roosevelt is holding a big family party at the White House, and Mrs. Roosevelt has announced that his stocking will certainly be hung up.

Snow was falling in New York last night as crowds of last-minute shoppers thronged the streets. Huge lighted Christmas trees reared from amid traffic in public squares.

Broadway has two brilliantly lighted trees erected by the City Council and the one at Rockefeller Centre is 70 ft. high. At some trees money for refugees from Germany, Spain, and China clinks into collectors' boxes.

Travelling stages bear through the streets Federal Theatre groups playing the Nativity and singing carols.

BELGIUM

Christmas celebrations throughout Belgium are less a family affair than in Britain. Parents and friends assemble in noted restaurants and eat special food and sitting at the table from 9 p.m. till 4 or 5 a.m., interrupting the meal to attend mid-night Masses, which are sung in all churches.

Ex-Servicemen have given the young Prince Albert a beautiful silver decorated casket containing Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs as a Christmas present.

Ypres children will find special cakes in their beds when they awake on Christmas Day. The cake is called Flemish Engeljesheek meaning "angel-cake."

RUSSIA

Work As Usual But A Holiday In January

MOSCOW. ON one-sixth of the earth's surface only a handful of diplomats and foreigners will celebrate Christmas, while 100,000,000 Russians will allow the day of rejoicing for the rest of the world to pass without notice.

In the Red capital, once famed for "forty times forty" churches, no bells will ring.

In industrial centres 25,000,000 workers will man factories as usual while in the countryside millions of children will go to school as on an ordinary day.

But the indifference is largely deceptive, since the Russian orthodox Christmas falls on January 7, and

hundreds of thousands of people are buying the recently sanctioned yokes or New Year's trees, while the factories are pouring out upwards of 60,000,000 rubles worth of tin and silver baubles for stores in cities and remote hamlets. From forest regions hundreds of car-loads of yokes are moving into the central Asian republics.

Although the pre-revolutionary end-of-the-year holiday cheer is flooding back, celebrations on January 7 in predominantly atheist Soviet Russia constitute a civil holiday, with only scattered religious services in a dwindling number of churches and in the privacy of homes of de-hard.

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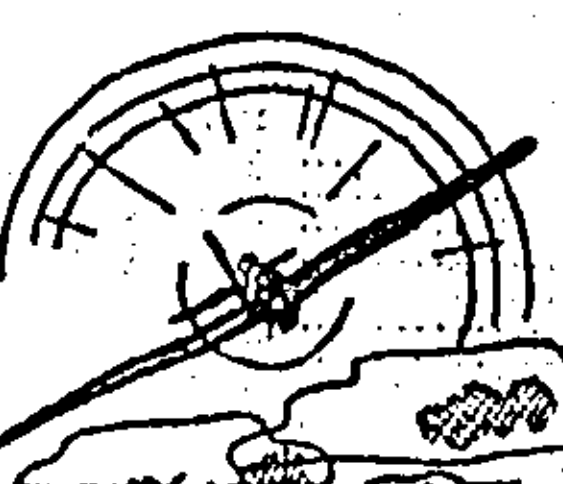
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TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT PROPOSAL

Suggested Substitute For The Navy: Sappers Gain Another Victory

WITH REFERENCE to the Triangular Tournament, I suggested a few weeks ago that a team from the H.K.H.A. might be substituted for the Royal Navy who are not participating this season. A further proposal has reached me from a Military source, suggesting that the Army be permitted to field two separate teams—one of Indians and the other of Europeans—instead of a mixed team as at present.

This, I think, is a brilliant suggestion, as the combined Army would be too strong a team for the Hongkong Club or the Association, and I would draw the attention of the Triangular Tournament Committee to consider the matter.

The games, if staged, should prove most interesting.

IN their League encounter at King's Park last Saturday, St. Andrew's could only draw 1-1 with the Hongkong Ladies. The failure of both sides to score more goals was due to the inability of the players to control the ball on a very bumpy surface.

Though the Saints scored first through Miss H. Reid, their attack was never too impressive. Miss P. Wong, on the right wing, was the best forward on view, but her brilliant centres often went begging as the others in the attack were never up to intercept them.

The defence, however, was resolute, and none did better than Miss J. Wong, at centre half, whose first-time tackling and hard clearances, at times, completely subdued the Hongkong attack.

Miss West, at right half, gave an improved display, and Miss C. White, right back, was also prominent. I was very surprised at the poor form of Miss M. Hoza, the left back. In the last two matches she has given her partner very poor support. I do hope her lack of concentration improves in the games to follow. Mrs. P. Bliss made a welcome return as a forward, and should recover her old form after a game or two.

IN the first half, Hongkong Ladies showed their rival forwards how to give and take passes; their work for at least 20 minutes being an object lesson to their opponents. But Miss M. Smalley, Miss M. Booker and Mrs. Dalziel were weak in the circle, and several scoring opportunities were missed.

Miss C. Marr, however, on the right wing, was persistent and made many good runs and centres. Miss M. Booker did well to equalise through one of these right flank raids in the second half.

The halves worked hard, with Mrs. Skinner being the most effective in the centre. Miss E. Gray was again sound at full back, and always seemed to have the whip hand of the Saints' attack; her partner was also conspicuous with her hard hitting. Miss S. Baskett played a useful game in goal.

A draw was a fair result, and though a bumpy pitch prevented any real possibility of good hockey, a team game ensued.

IN their tournament fixture against the Nomads last Sunday morning, C.B.A. were again in brilliant form, to win 7-1. Once the home players had realised the perils of the very bumpy pitch, they settled down to make further progress at least as convincingly as the margin of seven goals to one in their favour suggests.

Leading by a goal scored by S. A. Fowler in the first half, C.B.A. proceeded to put themselves into a comfortable position in the second half, after several positional changes were made. G. Fowler led the attack with Sydney and Eric on either side of him, D. Smith and J. King being the respective wingers.

N. Whitley, from left half, relieved G. Fowler at centre half. The forwards were fed persistently, and they responded in magnificent style. V. Bond scored from a penalty corner, and E. Fowler added the third. After a solo effort on the left wing, King scored the fourth and S. A. Fowler followed with the fifth.

Five goals ahead, C.B.A. eased up a bit, but a goal to the Nomads merely acted as a tonic to the home team, and they came back to increase their lead with goals by Sydney and George Fowler.

Prize must also be given to the defence, and in particular to J. T. K. Gilchrist and V. Bond, the backs, who defended very well indeed.

NOMADS started well, and for the first fifteen minutes their forwards gave the C.B.A. defence something to think about. They had as much of the game during the first half that at half time they should have held a comfortable lead; but instead were in arrears.

R. J. Reed, as pivot, worked like a Trojan, and during the latter stages

Fanling Hunt Meet On Monday

The Fanling Hunt is meeting at Fanling Lodge on Monday, January 1, at 2.45 p.m. His Excellency the Governor will be at home.

of the game received poor support from his defence.

With a bumpy ground it was no day for hesitancy in regard to defensive tactics, but H. Soares and R. Xavier failed time after time in the most obvious way to get the ball clear of their goal, and they paid the full penalty.

J. Franco, who scored the only goal, led his forwards well, and young Peter Rull, at inside left, gave a promising display. R. Silva, the right winger, should have scored on at least two occasions had he taken the ball in on his own, but he sent in some feeble centres instead.

The game was evenly waged until the interval, after which the Nomads were completely overwhelmed.

ON their home ground at Sookunpoo last Tuesday, the

Royal Engineers collected two further points in an Association Tournament match by defeating K.I.T.C. 4-1. The Sappers pressed from the start, and after a few exchanges, took the lead through Homburg, this same player soon afterwards completed his hat-trick.

Proston was responsible for the fourth goal, and gave an outstanding performance at centre half. He would, however, be well advised not to support his slick with his feet when trying to stop the ball.

Russell and Goodwin were a safe pair of backs, who cleared their ranks with hefty hits. Marriott was badly hurt just before the interval, and had to retire for the remainder of the game, otherwise the forwards made good use of their wings, and attacks were frequent.

The Sappers possess the best record, so far, with four wins and no defeats.

K.I.T.C. were without Malik, their brilliant inside-left, and were, unfortunately, one player short throughout the game.

Though well beaten, the Indians had a considerable amount of the play, but failed to beat a fine covering defence. Man Singh, on the left wing, showed speed and good stick work, and his goal, the only one for his side, was a beauty.

The K.I.T.C. defence in general was poor, with the exception of Bagh Singh, the left half, who played quite a brainy game. Mohinder Singh and Kailwant Singh, in particular, gave a very erratic display.

H.K.H.A. Tournament Table 1939-40	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Royal Engineers	2	2	0	0	13	1	1
C.B.A.	2	2	0	0	13	1	1
Radio Sports	2	2	0	0	7	1	1
Nomads	2	2	0	0	8	0	0
Jersey	2	2	0	0	8	0	0
K.I.T.C.	2	1	1	0	2	2	2
H.K. Follies	1	0	4	1	4	15	5
H.A.O.C.	1	0	4	1	2	10	4
University	1	0	4	1	0	0	0
Total	24	11	11	2	48	48	24

Highest Goal Scorers
Sgt. Homburg, R.E., 5.
S. A. Fowler, C.B.A., 5.

Kowloon Tong Beat K.C.C. In "B" Division

Kowloon Tong beat K.C.C. 7-2 in the "B" Division of the Badminton League yesterday.

F. S. Ko and R. E. Leo (Kowloon Tong) beat T. Winter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher 24-21; beat T. C. Kevan and J. L. Anderson 21-10; beat T. A. N.A.E. Mackay and B.P.C. Fletcher 20-21; beat Kevan and Anderson 21-12; beat Madar and Curtis 21-13; J. L. Stephens and A.E.H. Castro beat Winter-Blyth and Fisher 1-21; lost to Kevan and Anderson 21-10; beat Madar and Curtis 21-10.

NAVY XV BEAT CLUB "A"



The Royal Engineers beat the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by 4-1 in a Hongkong Hockey Association tournament match at Sookunpoo on Tuesday, and are now at the head of the Tournament table. — Ming Yuen.

CHIU-GRIFFITHS ENTER DOUBLES SEMI-FINAL

MRS. CHIU CHUN-CHIU and Miss Madge Griffiths, favourites for the Colony women's double tennis championship, entered the semi-final round yesterday when they eliminated Mrs. O. Burnett and Miss V. Bradbury by 6-1, 6-1 at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

Two singles matches were also played, Miss J. Reeve beating Mrs. N. W. Smyth 6-2, 6-3, and Miss M. Stokes beating Mrs. Hyde 7-5, 6-1.

CHARITY SOCCER SIDES

Portugal To Meet China At Sookunpoo

Portugal will meet China, in what promises to be the best match in the International Charity Cup series, on the Sookunpoo ground on Monday at 3.30 p.m.

Portugal's team will be selected on the ground, but the following have been invited to attend.

R. Marques (St. Joseph's); C. Marques (St. Joseph's); D. Alves (St. Joseph's); N. Delgado (International); J. Pereira (St. Joseph's); T. Castillo (St. Joseph's); A. V. Gossano (St. Joseph's); B. T. Gossano (St. Joseph's); J. Gomes (Electric); A. Alves (St. Joseph's); R. Ribeiro (St. Joseph's); C. Fernandes (International); R. Rocha (International); H. Campos (International) and C. Santos (Kowloon).

Portugal's players are requested to report to A. V. Gossano at the dressing room not later than 3.15 p.m.

CHINA'S ELEVEN

China's team has been selected: Tam Kwan-kon (S.C.A.); Lee Tin-sang (S.C.A.) and Mak Shu-hon (S.C.A.); Liu King-cheng (Eastern); Leung Wing-chiu (S.C.A.) and Lau Hing-chiu (S.C.A.); Young Shui-yick (S.C.A.); Fung King-chung (S.C.A.); Chan Tak-fai (S.C.A.); Chow Man-chi (Kwong Wah) and Ip Pak-wa (S.C.A.).

Reserves: Cheuk Shek-lam, Tso Kung-hung, Hou Yung-sung, Lau Hin-hon, Tang Chung-sun, Lai Ching-tai, Lau Wai-kuo, Chung Yung-sum and Chang Ching-hoi.

Leung Wing-chiu has been elected captain, while Mr. Walter Hamming Chen will manage the team.

Notable absentees are Lee Walton, who is on the injured list, and Hui Ching-to, Interpreter and Eastern left-winger, who has been passed over for Ip Pak-wa, South China and Interpreter star.

Army Boxing

Middlesex Novices' Tournament

FURTHER BOUTS in the Middlesex Regiment Novices Inter-Company boxing tournament were fought yesterday evening at Watkins Barracks, Shorncliffe.

Enthusiasm was unabated, and boxers of all weights thoroughly mixed it. The results were:

Feather weight—Pte. Macey (C) lost to Pte. Manning (B); Pte. Marable (A) beat L/c. Barrett (B).
Bantam weight—Pte. Tait (B) lost to Pte. Dewbury (B); Pte. Bridle (C) beat Pte. Flood (HQ).
Light weight—Pte. Rivall (HQ) beat Pte. Webb (A).
Middle weight—L/c. Wookley (HQ) lost to Cpl. Manning (B); Pte. Marable (A) lost to L/c. Wilson (HQ); Pte. Friedman (HQ) beat Pte. Robinson (B) beat L/c. Bagge (C); Pte. Baker (B) beat Pte. Bridge (HQ); A/c. Nig (HQ) beat to Pte. Coleman (C); L/c. Weaver (B) lost to Pte. Cohen (A).
Light weight—Pte. Whitbourne (A) lost to L/c. Wilson (HQ); Pte. Samuel (A) gave walk over to A/Cpl. Miller (HQ); Dmr. Grossmith (HQ) beat Pte. Day (A).

Decided Improvement In Play

(By "Fly-half")

YESTERDAY evening at the Club ground, a Navy team defeated Club "A" by eleven points (a goal and two tries) to nine (three tries) in a game in which the back divisions were given the ball and made good use of it. It was a decided improvement on the scrappy "A" matches of late.

Navy fielded a strong side which included a few of the 1st XV players, and credit is due to the Club players who stuck to their task manfully.

Five minutes after the kick-off, O'Riordan left Club standing when he dashed over for a try which was converted by King. Roscoe, in a forward rush, went over for Club's reply, which, however, was not converted, Stout failing with the kick.

Later Roscoe left the field and took no further part in the game, having sustained what appeared to be a sprained ankle.

CLUB LEAD

After the interval, Nelson scored another unconverted try for the Club, to give them a one point lead. Navy came back strongly, and Wilson, playing on the wing for Navy, broke through to touch-down. King failed to improve on the points.

This was followed by another Navy try, this time scored by Barlow. King again failed to convert.

Club did not give up, and placed themselves in a position to draw when Carruthers scored a try. The valuable two extra points were not gathered, for the attempt to convert made by Richardson failed.

Cricket

C.B.S. Draw With R.A.M.C.

A drawn game of cricket was played between the Central British School and the Royal Army Medical Corps on the School ground yesterday.

Q. M. S. Patterson was undefeated with 72, which included 12 boundaries, when the Medical side declared at 146 for 8 wickets. For the School-boys, only W. G. Pryde was able to stay, and he scored 59, including ten boundaries, before being bowled.

The scores were:
R.A.M.C.—149 for 6 declared (Q.M.S. Patterson 72 not out, Cpl. Weller 30).
C.B.S.—119 for 8 (W.G. Pryde 59, A. W. Brown 17).

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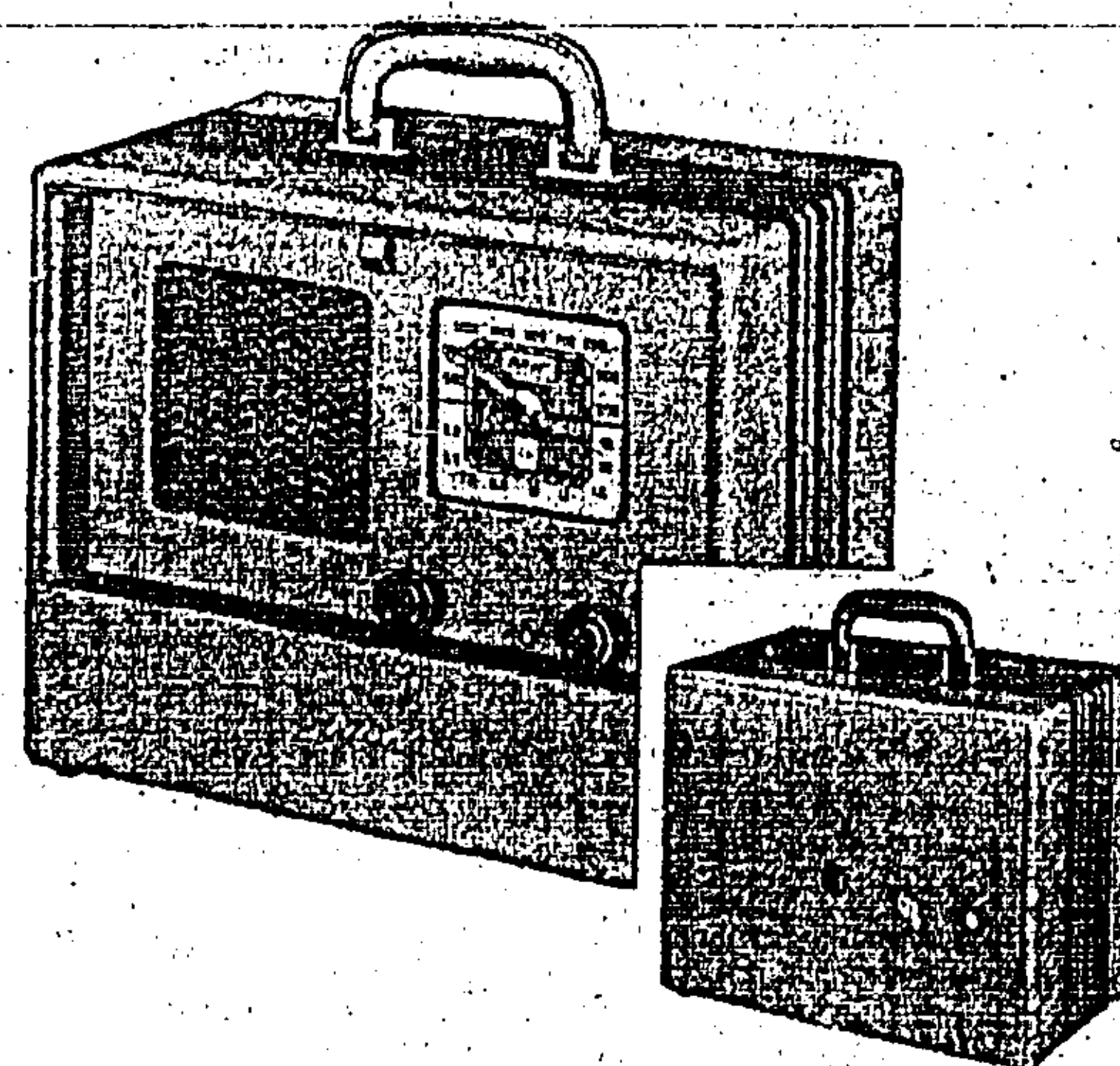
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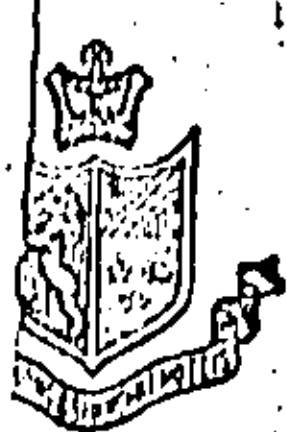
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U.S. TO PATROL SEA WITH 500 BOMBERS

By JACK JOHNSON

"United Press" Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, (U.P.)—The administration may ask Congress for 500 air dreadnaughts, outstripping the famed "Flying Fortresses" in speed and cruising range, to enable the Army Air Corps to meet the needs of a Western Hemisphere defence policy, it was reported authoritatively.

Plans for the new air programme are in tentative form, and, if finally approved, may be submitted to Congress early in the regular session along with other emergency army requests to meet unforeseen expenditures as a result of the European war.

The new planes, which would cost about \$100,000,000 (31), would be in addition to the July 1, 1941 "goal" of 5,500 planes authorised by the last session of Congress in the \$300,000,000 aviation expansion programme. Work on this programme is being expedited. Officials now believe that it will be completed seven or eight months ahead of schedule, which would enable the Army to place additional orders for the new "super planes" without "crowding" aircraft manufacturing facilities.

Informed quarters told the "United Press" that the projected aerial bombers would be better than the present 12-ton four engine flying fortresses, which have a cruising speed of more than 265 miles hourly and an operating radius of 2,000 miles each when loaded.

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These sources described the projected craft as "about the same size

or a little larger" than the present super-bombers but said that improved motor designing would lower fuel consumption, thus increasing cruising range. In addition, it was said that improvements in wing and other designing would add to their speed and operating range. They probably would cost around \$200,000 each.

The long-range, high speed bomber has been advocated recently by Army air officials as a vital need in a hemisphere defence policy. They have asserted that similar developments by foreign powers have increased the facility with which attacks could be made on the Americas. They argue that foreign air programmes must be matched by planes capable of operating over vast distances from the Army's chain of bases extending from Hawaii to the Panama Canal, and from New England, through Puerto Rico to the Canal. Such a force would be essential in crushing attempts of an enemy to establish air bases that might menace the United States security, it was said.

ADDITIONAL ARMADA

The disclosure that an additional armada of powerful bombers is under consideration came as the Army and Navy moved to protect their plane

purchasing programmes from delays resulting from a deluge of foreign orders which may be placed if the arms embargo is repealed.

The Joint Aeronautical Board, composed of the top-ranking officers of the army and navy air branches, has asked plane manufacturers working on government orders to supply the board with full details concerning contracts and negotiations with foreign governments for planes, parts and engines.

The information, it was explained, would keep the government informed of latest foreign plane developments, production facilities at domestic plants available in an emergency, and safeguard American military plane orders from delays.

It was disclosed simultaneously that the Army Air Corps has been participating in the neutrality patrol with navy and coast guard ships and planes. Officials said that army planes had been ordered to participate in observation activities whenever requested by the other services and emphasised that the planes are engaged only in "observation" work, which, it was said, is affording army pilots a chance to practice operations over water under "most realistic conditions."

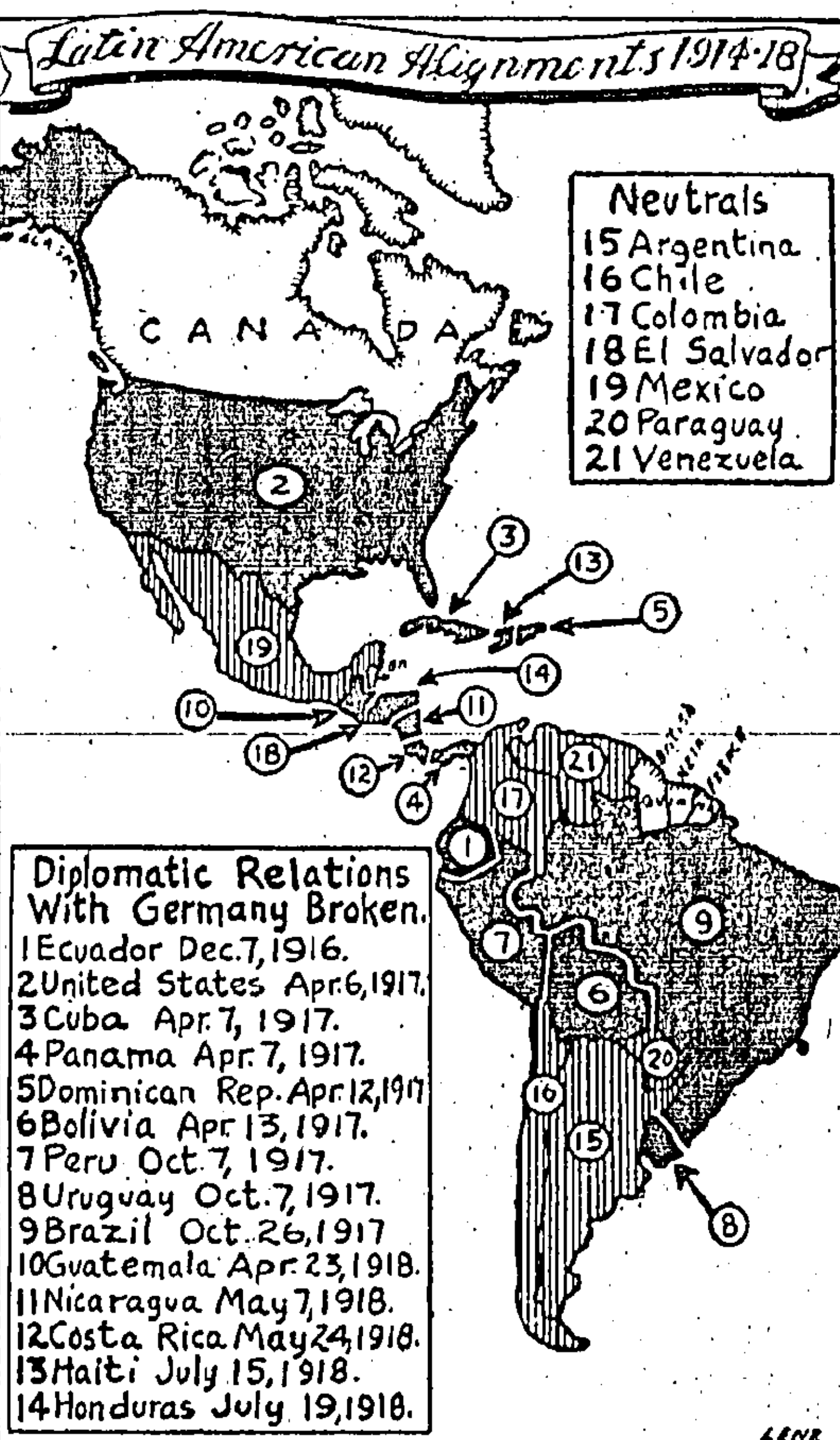
The Western Hemisphere, omitting Canada, held at Panama a conference of 21 American Nations intent on what to do about war. All of the Nations have declared neutrality. They met to defend their neutrality.

Consultation is involved as provided for in the Declaration of Lima, adopted at the English Pan-American Conference last December. Section Three provides for consultation "in case the peace, security or territorial integrity of any American Republic is . . . threatened by acts of any nature." Prompt application of this procedure, within three weeks after Europe plunged into war, is in itself a milestone of Inter-American solidarity.

Agenda items at Panama open the entire range of continental relations. There are three main topics: 1. Neutrality—single or joint action. 2. Protection of the peace of the Western Hemisphere—to keep war out of the American markets for goods cut off from Europe and Asia; to finance more Inter-American trade; and to prevent war dislocations like those so disastrous to Latin America in 1929-30.

Canada remains officially outside the Pan-American family, but London and Washington recently have recognised Canada's special position. President Roosevelt declared at Kingston, Ontario, on Aug. 16, 1938, that the United States would defend Canada against attacks by any foreign power. This guarantee was reaffirmed by Mr. Roosevelt, and approved in a statement by the British Ministry of Information, just before the Conference.

The results achieved at Panama, shows tremendous gains since 1914 in unity of the Americas. As the accompanying map shows, the nation were divided during the last war, just 113 years after Simon Bolivar, South America's "Liberator" from Spain, called the first embryonic Pan-American Conference at Panama, in 1826, his work attained full stature in the same city.



AUSTRALIA SPEAKS

Short-wave Station To Answer Propaganda

London, Dec. 20. Speaking on the first short wave national broadcast conducted by the Australian Government, Mr. R. G. Menzies, Australian Prime Minister, declared that Australia had decided, because so many strange things are said about Australia by some propaganda stations, the time had come to speak for herself.

Although 12,000 miles from Europe, Australia was involved in the European war and was acting in co-partnership with Britain. Germany began the war and was carrying it on in order to conquer people other than her own—the Czechs, Slovaks and Poles, and who knew what the others will be to-morrow. If Germany's only rule was military power, then no small nation in Europe is secure, and once Europe is under the overlordship of Germany then no small nation in the world could feel secure.

It was in Australia, fortunate, because we are indissolubly bound to a very great Power whose interests and ideals are ours and who will protect us if necessary.—Reuter.

Hongkong Refugees

Slight Fall In Numbers In Local Camps

The numbers of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps in urban and rural areas are given officially as follows:

In urban areas, civilians.—King's Park 1,350 for the week ending December 10, as against 1,302 on December 9; Matauchung 1,083 as against 1,078 and North Point 1,426 as against 1,418.

In urban areas, soldiers.—In hospital eleven on December 10, same number on December 9 and Matauchung 726, as compared with 730.

In rural areas.—At Kam Tin 1,804 on December 10, as compared with 1,812 on December 9; San Uk Ling 696, as compared with 738 and Gilla Cutting 373, as compared with 377.

The grand total on December 10 was 7,540, as compared with 7,508 on December 9, showing a decrease of 32.

CHINA'S FINANCES

Mr. T. V. Soong Attends Chungking Meeting

Shanghai, Dec. 20.

The national financial conference originally scheduled to be held in Hongkong will now be convened in Chungking according to a report in the Central China Daily News.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of China, arrived in Chungking from Hongkong yesterday to attend the conference, it adds. The conference will discuss the currency problems and decide on measures for the stabilisation of commodity prices and readjustment of inland financial conditions, the report concludes.

Inland Credits

The Chinese banks in Shanghai have decided to suspend extension of credit loans to business houses of inland areas owing to lack of communication facilities, says the Sin Wen Pao, the outstanding credit was 7,500 being collected by bank representatives in the inland cities, the report adds.—Reuter.

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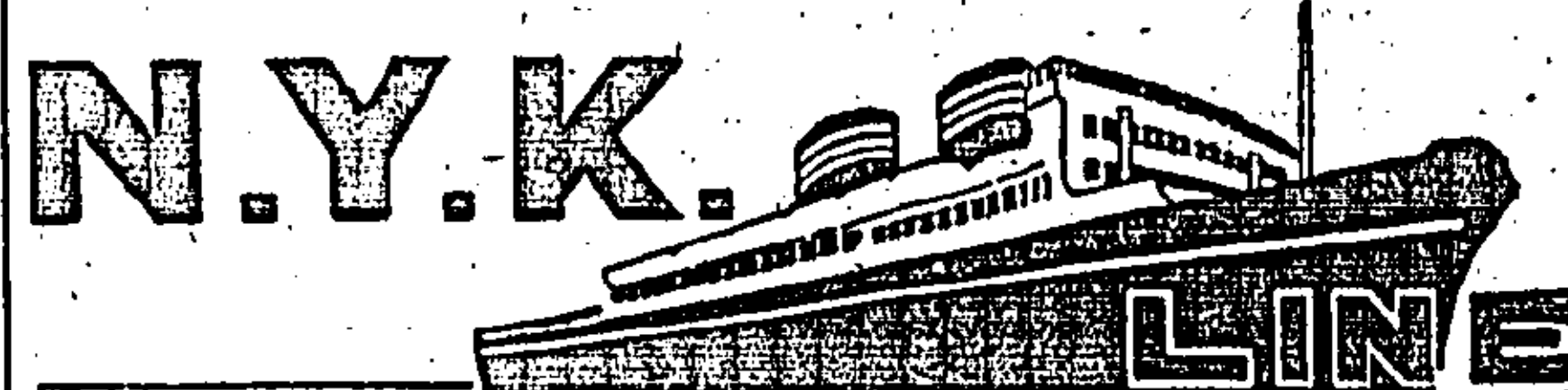
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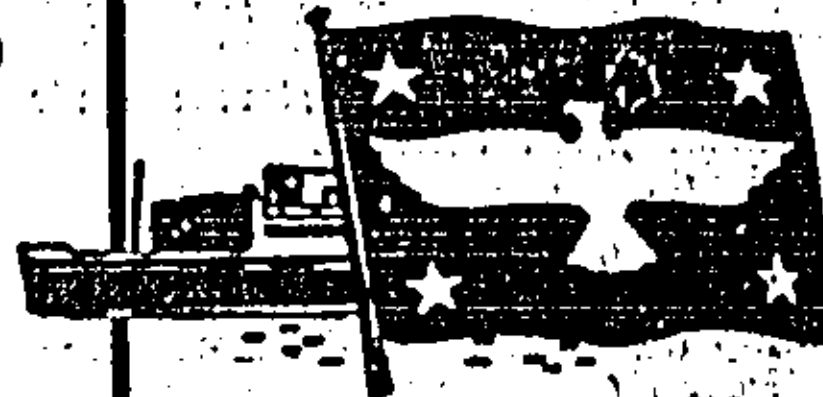
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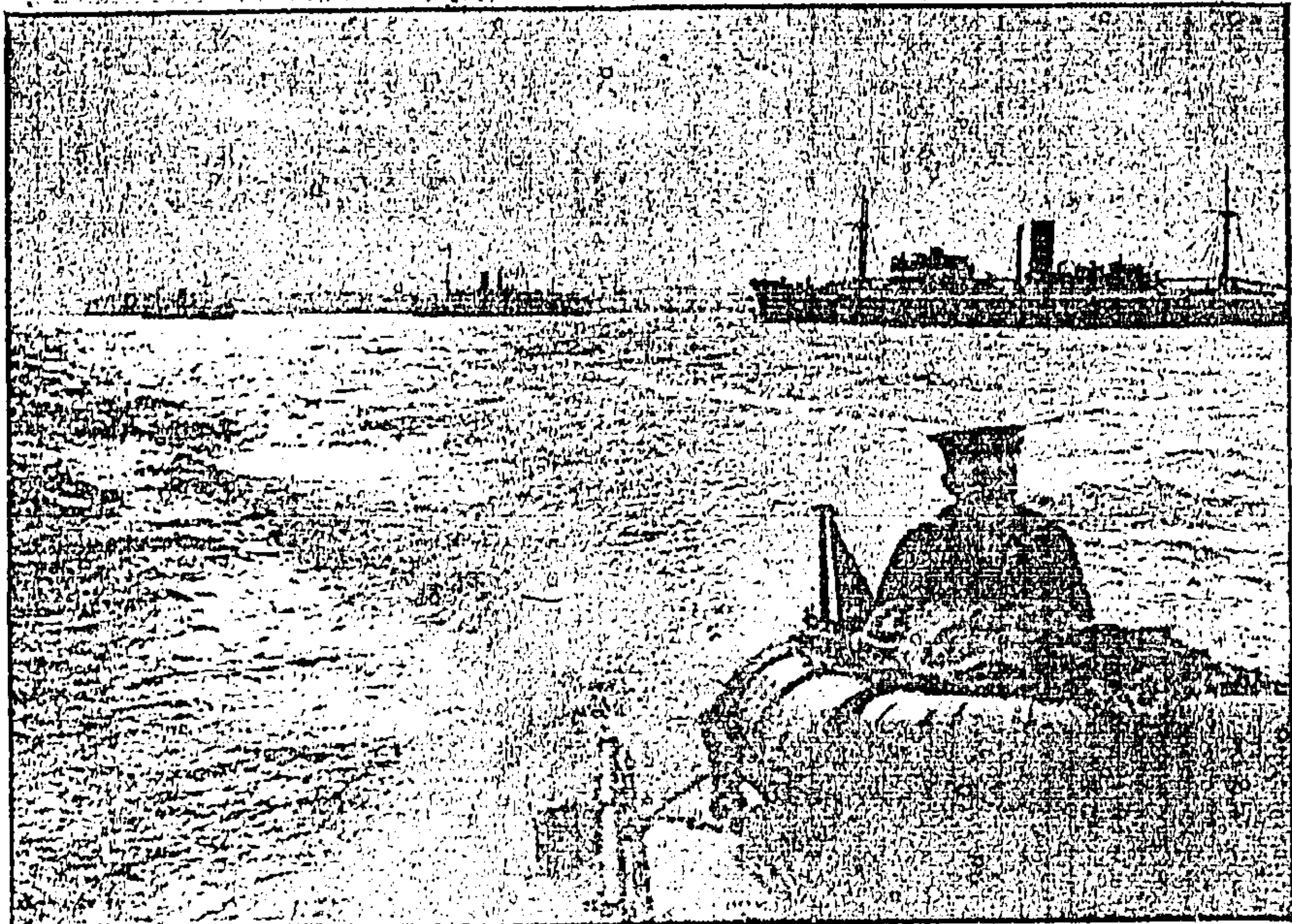
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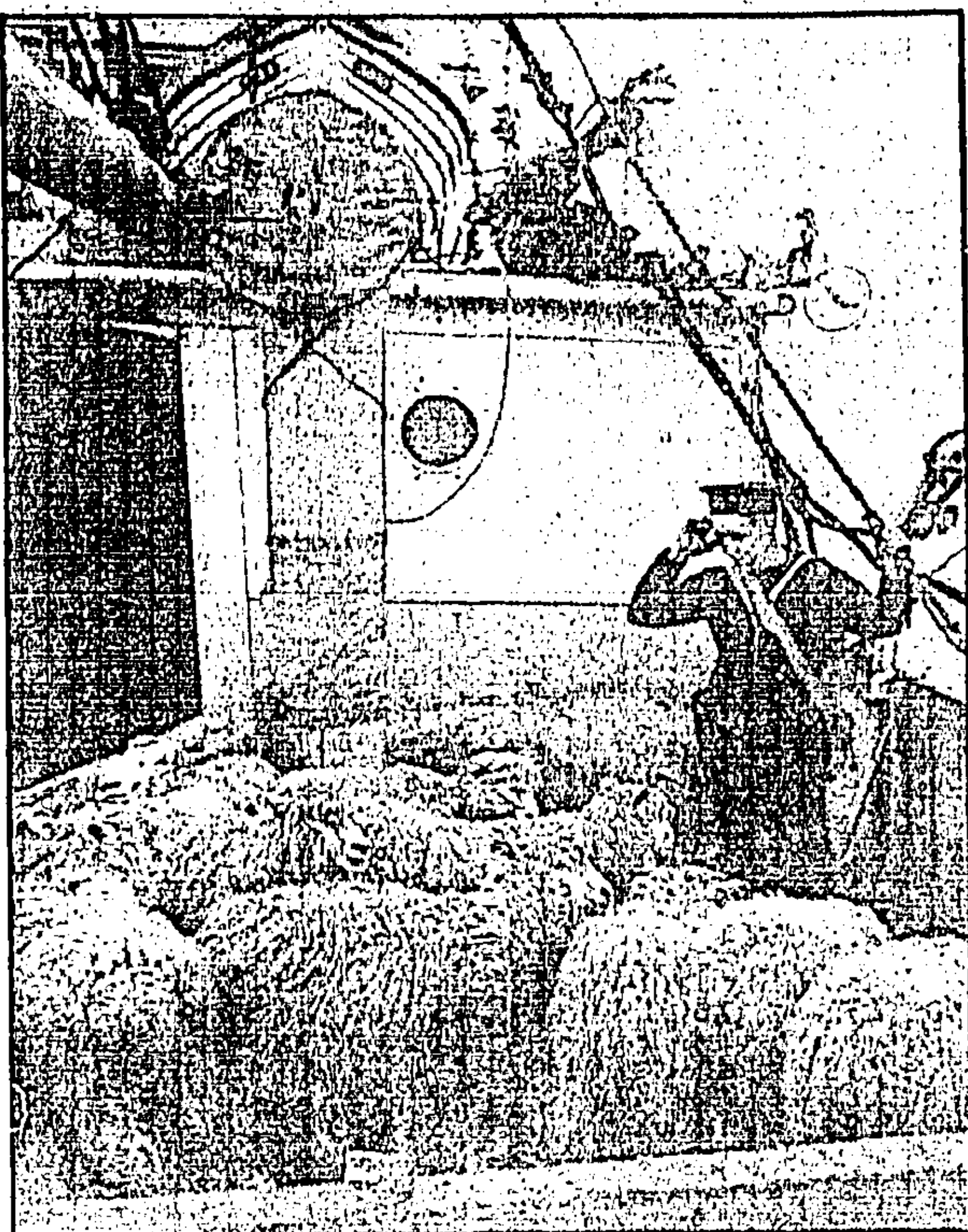
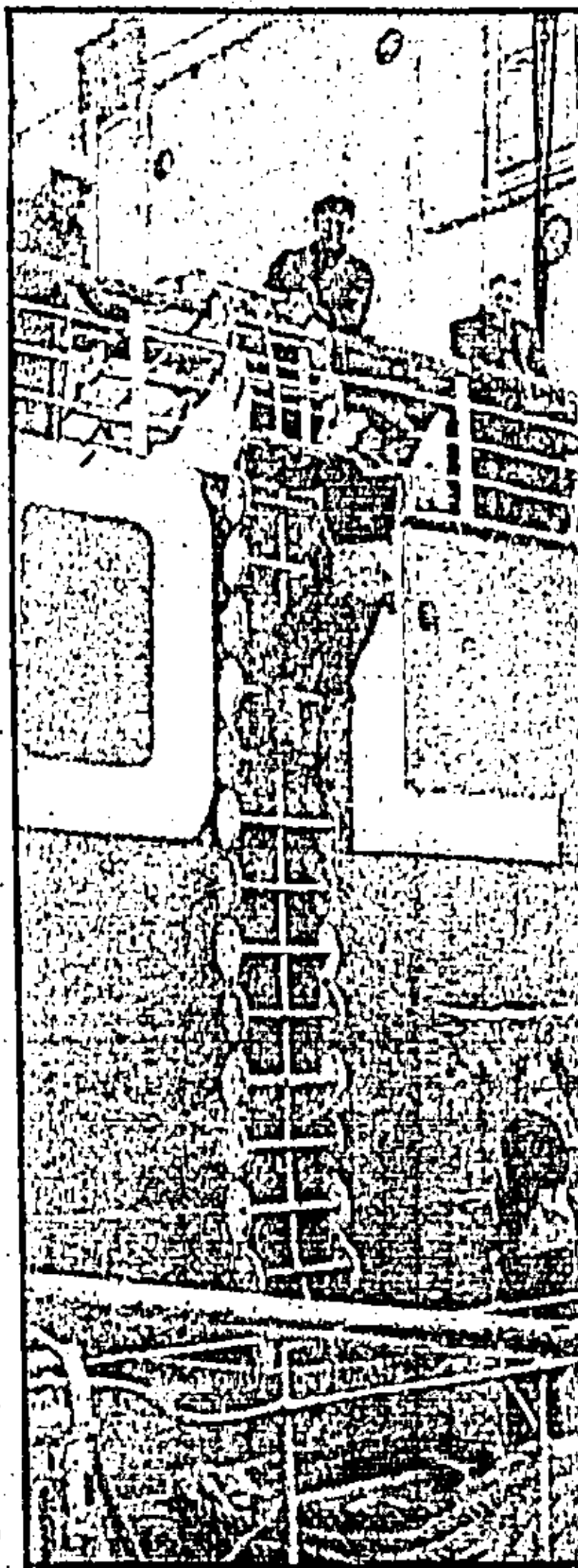
THESE MEN BLOCK GERMANY'S WAR SUPPLIES



Photograph above was taken from a patrol boat on its way to interrogate neutral shipping, seen gathered on the horizon. Right: One of the patrol crew goes aboard to take part in the search for contraband.

THE British contraband control fleet has already achieved an enviable record. Since the beginning of the war it has dealt with 375 vessels, and has intercepted 315,000 tons of contraband goods destined for Germany—this in addition to 150,000 tons seized by the French Navy.

The search is going on night and day, and these pictures show the patrolmen at work on a round-up of ships.



Engaged in the search of a neutral ship, this British sailor found himself mixed up with a cargo of sheep, and taxed his memory in vain for orders of procedure in such a contingency.

ESCAPED FROM BOMBS IN COTTON TENNIS FROCK

KAUNAS.
STILL suffering from bomb splinter wounds in the head, Countess Zajdlerowa, whose novels, written under the name of Martin Hare, are known to thousands of British readers, described recently her nightmare journey to safety from tragic Warsaw.

Seven weeks ago, when German bombers were raining death and destruction on the Polish capital, the Countess, an Englishwoman who married a Polish officer, set out with her husband for Lithuania.

"I had finished my latest book, 'Polanais', on the day of the Polish mobilisation," she said. "I sent the manuscript to London on the same day."

"After five days of terrible bombardment in Warsaw, I decided on September 6 to leave the city and spend a day at a country house on the other side of the Vistula."

Four Weeks' Ordeal

"I was wearing a tennis frock and my husband had on only a summer suit. The following day it was impossible to return to Warsaw, for the martyrdom of the city had begun."

"Having little money and no clothes, and subjected to terrible air attacks almost continually, we travelled on foot and by any means of transport we could find for four weeks via Radom, Ostrowiec, where I saw a children's hospital bombed, to Gawoliz, Lublin, Chelm, Pinsk and thence by way of Polesie, Mornas and Vilna to Kaunas."

Slept in The Open

"At times we slept in a train used for carrying pigs. Other times we slept on the ground in the open, without food or water for washing. A Polish soldier gave me a pair of socks, and other kindly strangers gave me garments. I have none of my own clothes left now."

"In Chelm the train in which we travelled, which carried petrol, was attacked by German bombers. I was wounded by five splinters in my head."

"An army surgeon shaved my head and treated me, with my husband's assistance. Suffering from these wounds, I spent days without food and for weeks had only black bread to eat. My clothes were blood-stained, and I had no water to wash myself."

"For the German aeroplanes it was apparently sufficient to see two people in order to start an air attack. I am amazed that I escaped death."

Women Bombed

"I cannot find words to express my admiration for the courage of the Polish people, including women and children, since in the train in which I travelled it was mostly women and children who were the victims of the air attacks."

"I saw thousands in a frightful situation, since their money was worthless and they could not buy food. Everybody helped each other with gifts of bread, sugar, salt and so on."

"After we reached the area occupied by the Red Army we suffered no more air attacks and were not so badly treated by the Russians in Vilna, where we arrived on October 8."

"Then we got permits to enter Lithuania. Kaunas, with its normal life and with plenty of food and clothes, and with the streets lit normally, made an extraordinary impression on us after our two months' ordeal."

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ALLIES' TANK DISPLAYS BEHIND THE LINE King Toasted By French Colonel

By DOUGLAS WILLIAMS
Daily Telegraph War Correspondent
WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE.

British and French tanks, and armoured car regiments, crack cavalry units, together, they were mechanised, have recently been exchanging visits in their respective villages in the British and French areas.

British Lancers and French Cuirassiers, officers and men, mingled in social groups, ate and drank together, swapped stories in their broken Anglo-French, and then watched each other's machines carry out tactical exercises.

I was present on both occasions, and was much struck with the sincere friendliness displayed, and the quick and eager manner in which both sides sought to exchange views on tank and armoured car manoeuvres.

It was a cold, rainy day when we visited the French and the cosy warmth of the officers' mess was very welcome.

Surprising Menu

Owing to the unexpected arrival of extra British officers the five guests expected expanded to 20, but the cook rose nobly to the occasion, and within half an hour we were sitting down to such delicacies as salmon with sauce verte, coquilles St. Jacques, and tournedos.

How this wonder was accomplished the British officers, with their more restricted culinary arrangements, were a loss to understand.

Tenals were exchanged at the end of the meal, the French colonel proposing the King and the British Army, and the senior British officer that of the President of France and the French Army.

Meanwhile, in billets and cook-houses, British Lancers and N.C.O.s were being generously entertained by the French cuirassiers. Beer was replaced by wine and even champagne, and the Entente Cordiale has seldom stood at a greater peak of cordiality.

English Plum Pudding

A few days later the French rode in their armoured cars to visit their British comrades. In the morning British light cavalry armoured cars paraded before the French colonel and carried out evolutions.

The French officers lunched with the various squadrons, where the mess secretaries had worked all night planning menus to approach the excellence of the meal they had enjoyed the previous week at the hands of their French hosts.

Real English plum pudding was the chef d'oeuvre of the mess where I lunched, and the tourists were drugged with an excellent mugnum of 1929 champagne.

Several of the French officers, most of whom, of course, were graduates of the famous French cavalry school at Saumur, spoke good English, and conversation was easy and lively.



Here the captain (right) of a neutral vessel is seen giving to two British Naval officers particulars of his port of departure, cargo, and its destination.

Russia Expands Aid In Chinese War with Japan

Increasing numbers of Soviet Russian planes, guns, and military technicians have appeared in China during the recent weeks which have witnessed new success by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's armies against Japan and revived strength in his Air Force.

Reliable sources to-day estimated that 500 Russian technicians already are in China and said that additional supplies of tanks, anti-aircraft guns, and other war materials were on their way from Russia.

Chinese spokesmen, both here and in China's provisional capital, Chungking, said the Soviet military aid was the outgrowth of a Chinese-Soviet trade pact concluded last June and subsidiary military and economic agreements reached before war started in Europe.

Terms of those agreements never have been disclosed, but Chinese officials have said privately that they were promised Russian war supplies worth between \$30,000,000 and \$100,000,000.

What China promised in return has remained secret, but Chinese officials intimated they had pledged Chinese raw materials for repayment to Moscow.

Most of China's easily exportable raw materials, however, are in southern provinces far from the Russian frontier and are earmarked largely for use in liquidating a \$25,000,000 credit from the United States Import-Export Bank.

These factors have strengthened the belief of foreign observers that China granted economic concessions to Russia in Sinking, the vast western province which borders Russian Turkestan.

Sinkiang, a territory of 500,000 square miles, is believed to contain gold, oil, and other unexploited resources. Chinese vigorously deny that their agreements with Moscow have been made in connection with any Russian military demands which would violate China's sovereignty over Sinkiang, as some Japanese quarters have charged.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Leather binding
- 2—Clasp
- 3—Whirls
- 4—Words indicating more than one
- 5—Continuation of contrast
- 6—Yawn (dissect)
- 7—Car (diminutive)
- 8—Heroic tale
- 9—Crumpled sheet of paper
- 10—Members of U.S. House (Italian family)
- 11—Policeman (slang)
- 12—Turkish province
- 13—Can naps
- 14—Bel
- 15—Condemns
- 16—Star-like flowers
- 17—Curtain
- 18—Not in
- 19—Whistle of bullet
- 20—Lick
- 21—Wild plum
- 22—Critic's name
- 23—Distance in miles
- 24—Nyan's name
- 25—Accident victim
- 26—Eradicator

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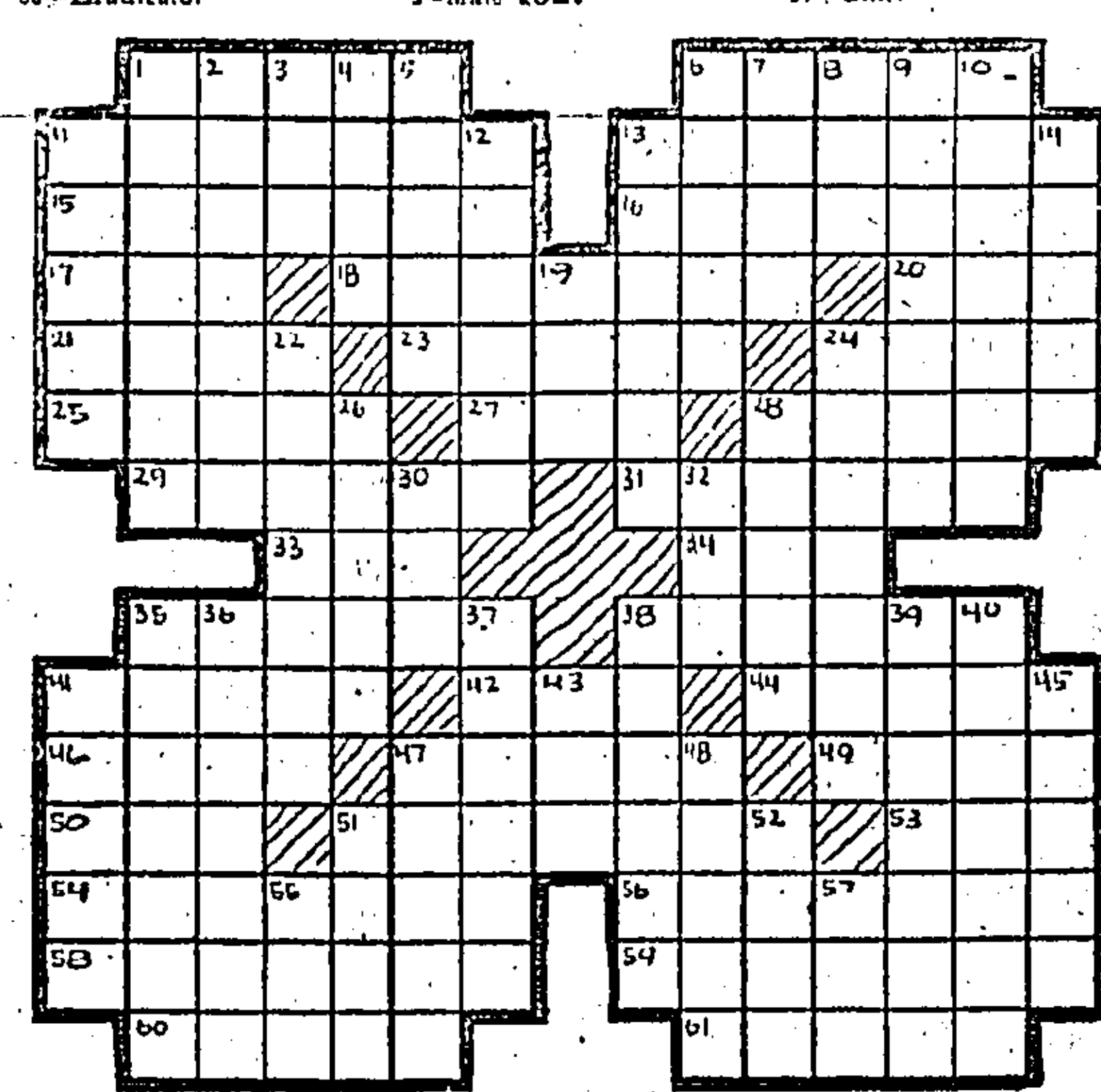
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1—Philippine eggplant
- 2—First Bishop of Rome
- 3—Bearded hollow
- 4—Step of ladder
- 5—Tide
- 6—Waste product of laundry
- 7—Lamentation
- 8—Recipient of badge
- 9—Specials valuable
- 10—Prints
- 11—Chair trimmings from sawed log
- 12—Lacking tongue
- 13—Stomping
- 14—Carrier
- 15—Lacking activity
- 16—The former Turkish
- 17—Organ of vision
- 18—Own
- 19—Invent-racing creature
- 20—Curtain
- 21—Muddled
- 22—Parade of flowers
- 23—Lives over again
- 24—Tail-seeker
- 25—Hidden forward rush
- 26—Western Indian
- 27—Tint
- 28—Treat physician
- 29—Pond's riches
- 30—Tiny insect
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DOWN

- 1—Handed
- 2—Pithiermen
- 3—One who studies
- 4—Shore vehicles
- 5—Interviewing of two
- 6—Group of three
- 7—Nab goat



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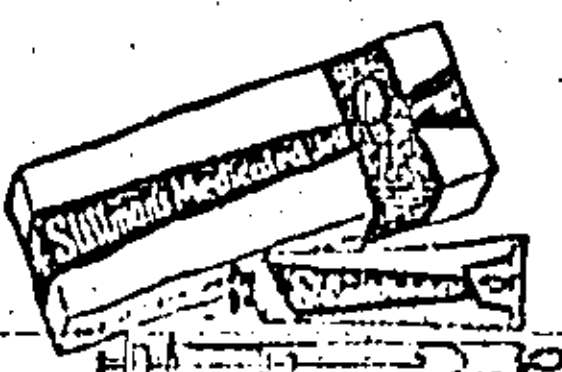
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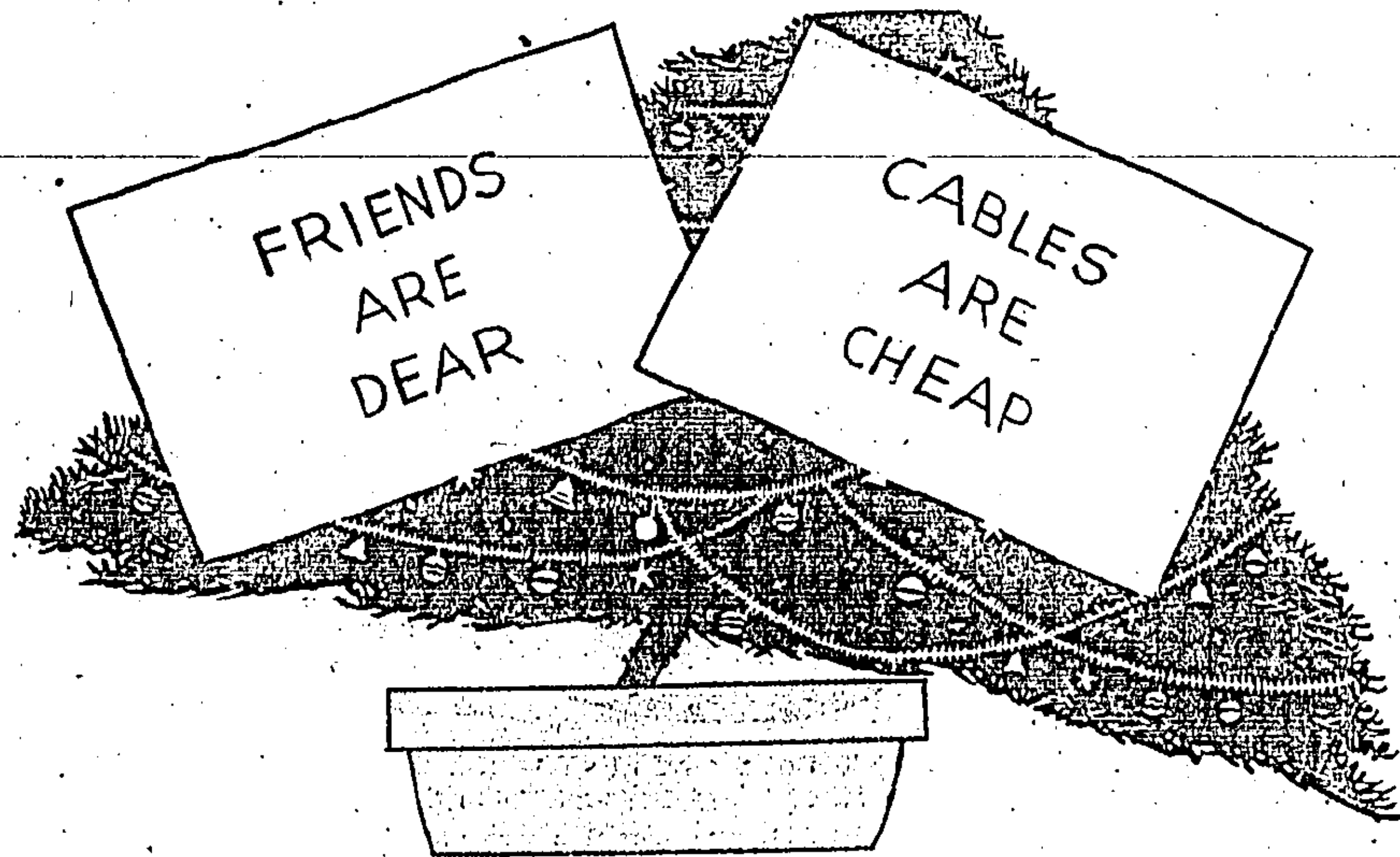
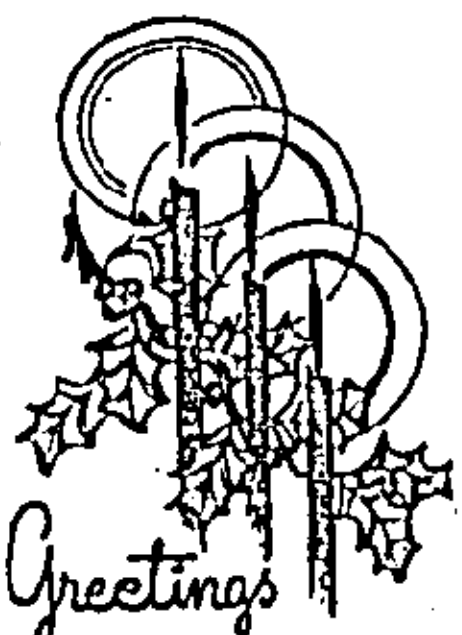
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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Henry Jacques and His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Studio—Children's Hour.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Songs by Paul Robeson (Bass).

Lullaby (from "Porgy and Bess"—Gershwin); It Takes A Long Pull To Get There (from "Porgy and Bess"—Gershwin); I Don't Know What's Wrong (Dyke and Eric Ansell); Roll Up, Soldierman (Alm "Big Fella").

7. Light French Music.

Cafe-Chantant (Wal-Berg); C'est Dans Un Caboulot (Marc Lanjean); . . . Daria (Vocal) with Orchestra;

Ah Dis, Ah Dis, Ah Bonjour (Charles Trenet); La Vie Qui Va (French film Je chante) . . . Charles Trenet (Vocal) with Orchestra; Valse—Ma Banquette (from Revue "Ferie de Paris");

Java—Sous Les Bees De Gaz (from Revue "Ferie de Paris") . . . L'Accordeoniste Alexander and His Orchestra; Du Soleil Dans Ses Yeux

(Gaston Claret); Je Crois M'Avoir Jamais Aime (Alm "Premiere") . . . Daria (Vocal) with Orchestra; Le Petit Quinquu (Desrousseaux);

Au Pres De Ma Blonde (Duhamel) . . . Jean Sorbier (Vocal) with Orchestra.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Strauss—"Der Rosenkavalier."

Suite.

Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Karl Alwin.

8.20 Songs by Amelita Galli-Curci (Soprano).

Air and Variations (Fruch); La Fauvette ("Zemke et Azor"—Clery)

with Piano accompaniment by Clement Barone; Carnations (Valverde); Little Star (Ponce) . . . with Piano accompaniment by Homer Samuels.

8.32 Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler: Liebesleid (Kreisler); Liebesfreud (Kreisler) . . . with Piano accompaniment by Lamson; Caprice Viennois (Kreisler) . . . with Piano accompaniment by Rupp.

8.45 Studio—Talk on "Hitler and the Aryan Race."

9.05 Songs by Lina Pagliughi (Soprano).

"The Pearl Fishers" (Bizet-Zanardini); Cavatina di Leila; "Rigoletto" (Verdi); Gilda's Aria; Caro nome; "Mignon" (Thomas); Le son "Titanic" . . . with Orchestral accompaniment.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk by Lord Chalfield.

9.45 Dance Music.

10. Variety with Gracie Fields, Tommy Handley, Oliver Wakelield, Charlie Kunz and Others.

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Bullet-Riddled Plane Flown Here

The bullet-riddled Imperial Airways plane Dardanus was flown back to Kai Tak from Fort Bayard yesterday for further repairs. Capt. J. Wilson piloted the plane accompanied by Messrs. French and Crosbie of the Imperial Airways staff.

The 90 odd bullet holes in the fuselage and wings were patched with dark fabric and the areas which had been almost eaten through by the stream of bullets had been replaced at Fort Bayard. It was discovered after the plane had been flown from Welchow that the Japanese had only patched up the holes, but had not repaired any of the spars shot away under the fabric. For this reason the wings were in danger of folding up.

Examination of the aircraft at Kai Tak yesterday revealed there were about six holes in the rear freight compartment. These bullets had perforated mail from Hongkong. There were also several holes in the passengers' seats, beneath which the passengers in the plane were forced to crouch to avoid being hit.

There were two holes through the walls of the lavatory and many in the sound proof peeling round the passengers' cabin. It is expected that a number of bullets will be found lodged in this packing when it is removed for examination.

The plane will have to be sent to Singapore for complete overhaul and renewal of parts.

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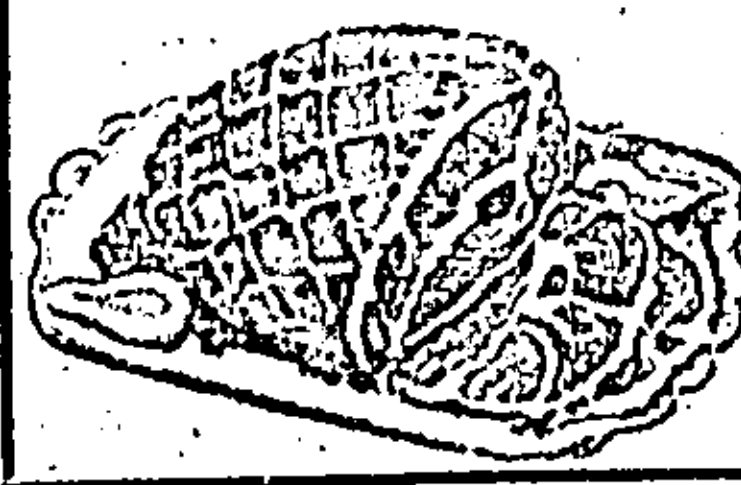
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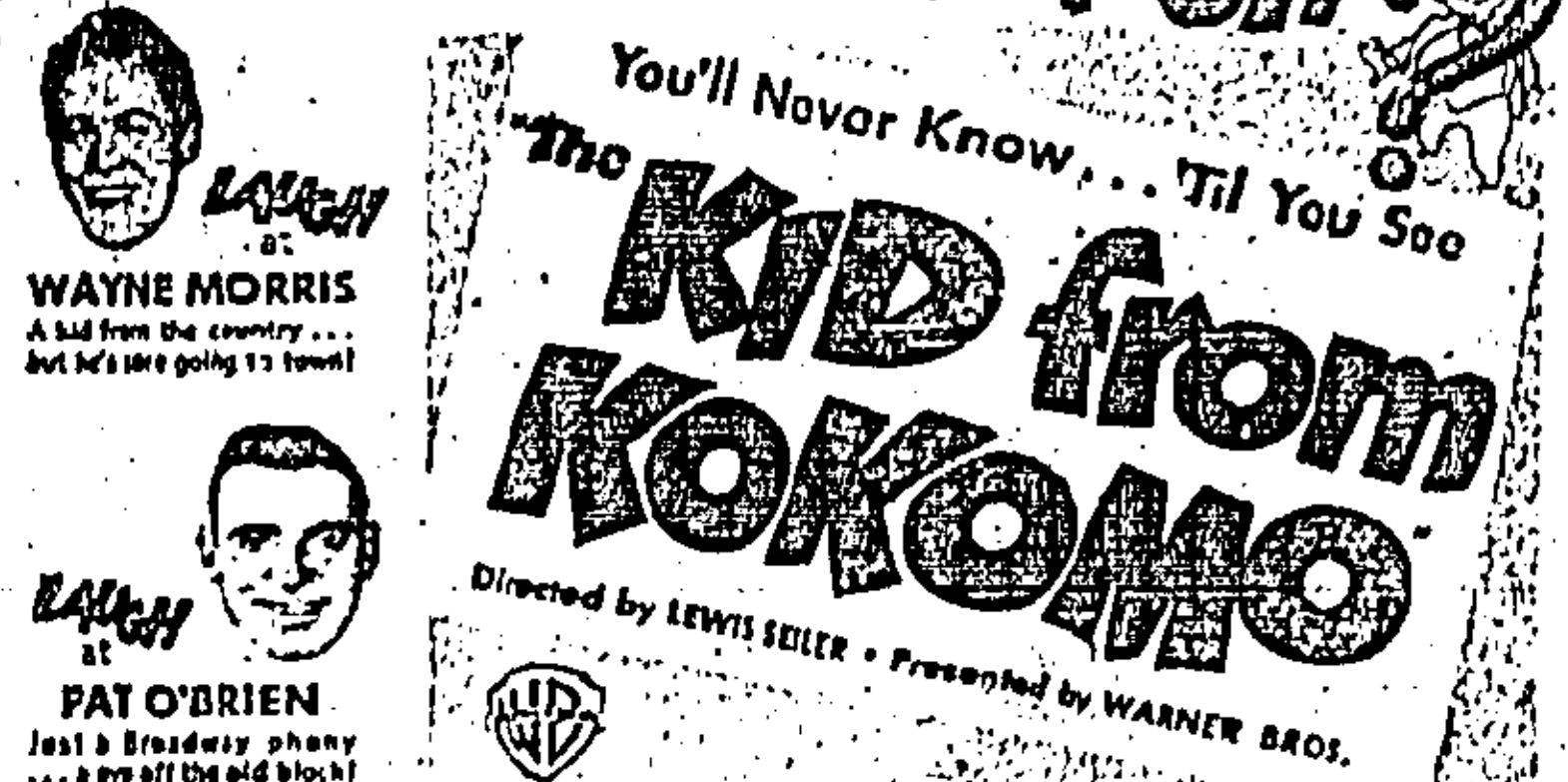
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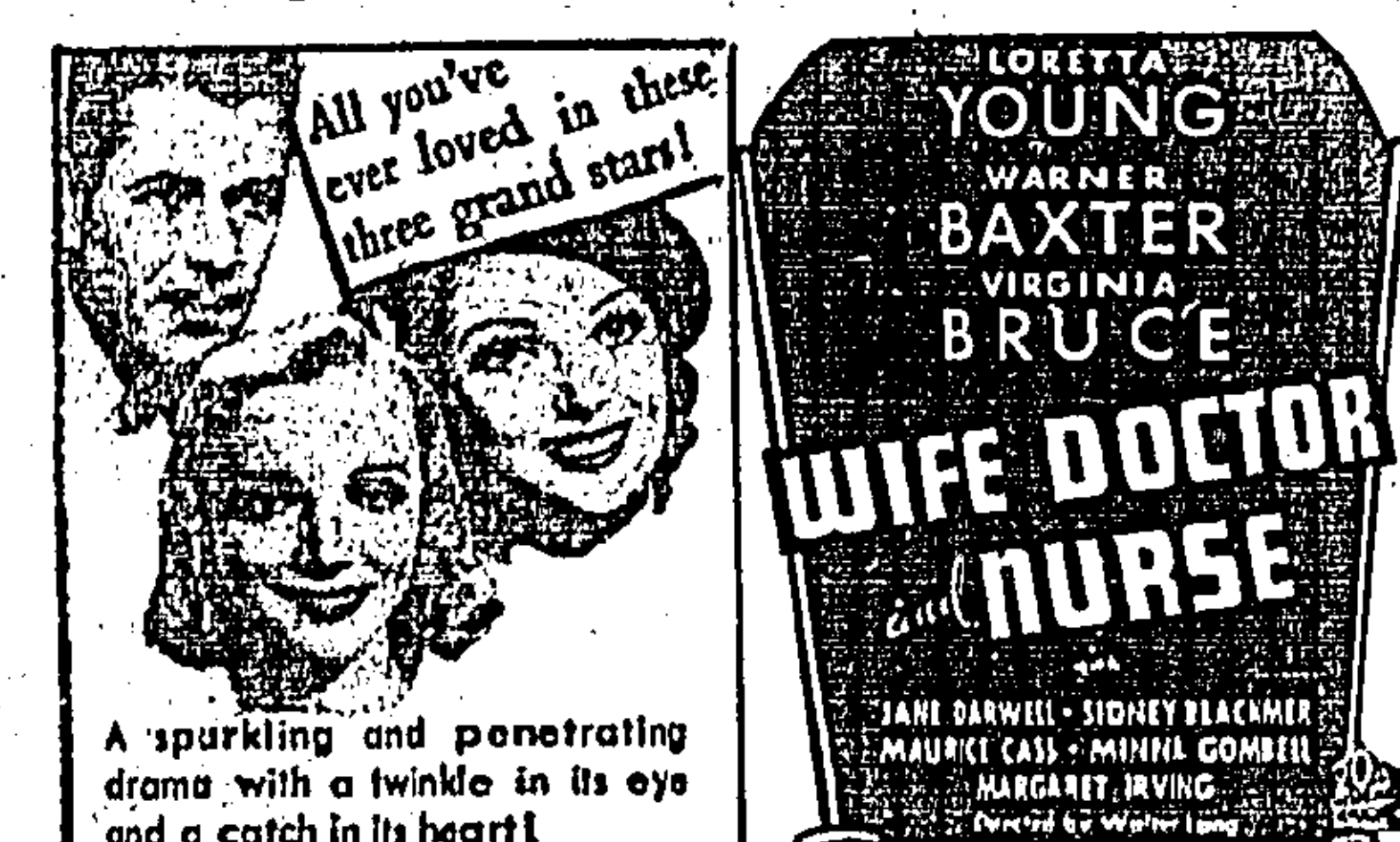
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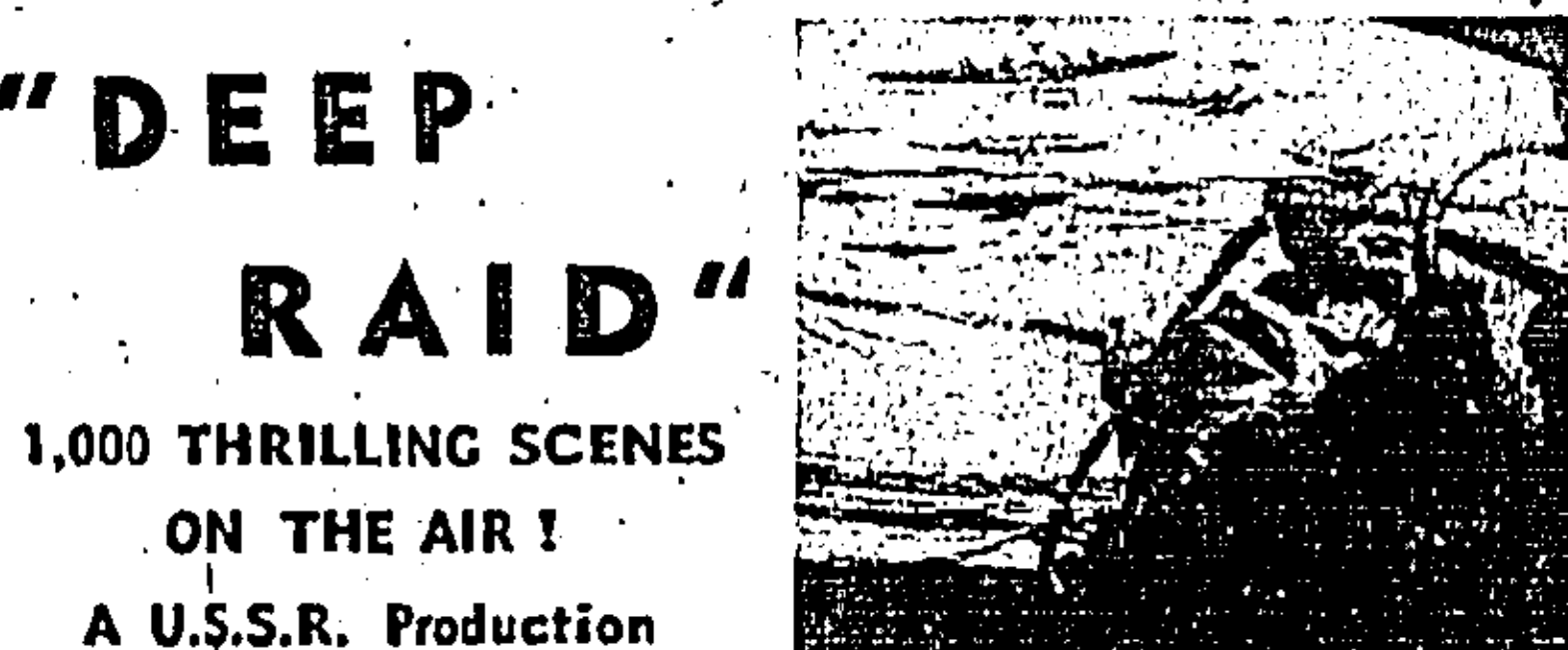


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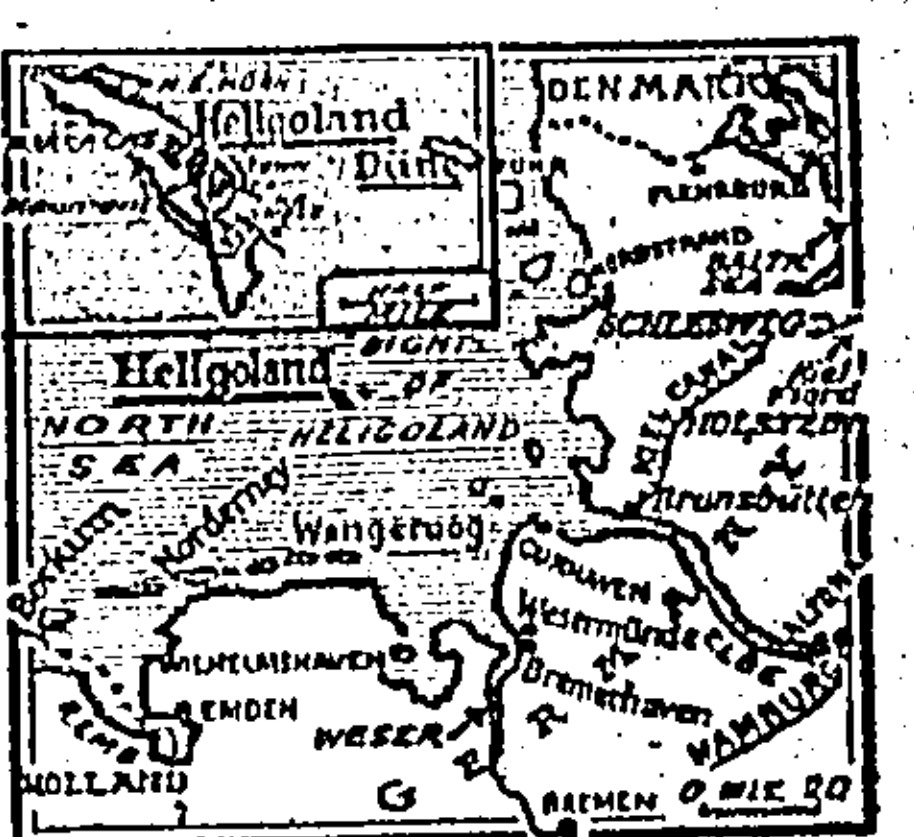
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R.A.F. Made it too Hot, So Goering Finds Defenceless 'Enemy' CALLOUS MURDER RAIDS ON UNARMED FISHERMEN



ENGLAND LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter). — Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret are to spend Christmas with Their Majesties. They have been in Scotland since before the war and travelled down to London during Tuesday night. They have not seen the King since the middle of August and the Queen for two months.

ALL QUIET ON WESTERN FRONT
FRENCH WAR COMMUNIQUE.
PARIS, WEDNESDAY.
TODAY'S FRENCH WAR COMMUNIQUE STATES: "THERE HAS BEEN NO EVENT OF IMPORTANCE DURING THE DAY." REUTER.

—AND HERE IS THE REASON
PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuter). — The recent bitter wintry weather on the Western Front has been succeeded by thaw and cold. A sleety rain has been falling. These conditions have hampered air operations on the front itself but have favoured long distance flights.

While British planes visited both the German seaplane bases in North Germany, German reconnaissance machines have flown over North, North-west and Western France. Land-activity continues with minor local operations and four unsuccessful enemy patrol raids on a wide front between the Moselle and Vosges were reported by authoritative military circles to-day.

TROOPSHIP ESCAPES Near Disaster In Collision
LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter). — A British troopship's recent escape from a disastrous collision by a few feet was disclosed to-night.

The second ship, also British, which was outward-bound, has returned to a British port for repairs. The incident happened in a dense fog. The ships passed so close to each other that the life-boats which swung out of the davits of the smaller vessel were stove in and some actually carried away. The troopship arrived with slight damage to her superstructure. Because of the denseness of the fog, the smaller ship and her life-boats swung out in readiness. Both ships and it was only when the outward-bound vessel returned to port that its identity was established. It is understood that the vessel with which the troopship nearly collided was the Samaria.

NAZIS RE-FLOAT ARK ROYAL!
BERLIN, Dec. 20 (Reuter). — The German Propaganda Ministry, which for weeks past, had been reporting that the Ark Royal was sunk, today admitted that the ship is still afloat and in service. The statement was made in a message from Rio de Janeiro to the semi-official "Trans-Ocean" news service, which stated that the Ark Royal and Renown left Rio after a brief stay.

Palestine Medal To Be Struck
LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter). — The Air Ministry announces that the King has commanded that a general service medal with a clasp, "Palestine", shall be granted to the personnel engaged within the geographical limits of Palestine and Trans-Jordan between April 10, 1933, and September 3, 1939, both inclusive.

Skipper's Vivid Story Of Machine-gunning
LONDON, DEC. 20 (BR. WIRELESS). — THE RECENT GERMAN CAMPAIGN OF BOMBING AND MACHINE GUNNING UNARMED TRAWLERS AND SMALL FISHING VESSELS IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO RESULT FROM THE FAILURE OF THE GERMAN ENDEAVOURS, BOTH IN THE ILLEGAL MINE-LAYING CAMPAIGN AND IN ALL OTHER FORMS OF SEA WARFARE.

Skipper J. M. Hall, of the trawler Isabella Greig, gives an account of how his ship was bombed and machine-gunned by German aircraft last Sunday — an example typical of many such cowardly and merciless attacks. "Our trawler was down when two aircraft, which we recognised as twin-engined Heinkels, were sighted coming from the east," he said. "Our crew of ten men immediately took cover. "The Nazi aircraft came on flying low, and passed one on each side of our trawler, with the rear gunners firing with their machine-guns. "Altogether, they circled the Isabella Greig eight times, their wing tips nearly touching the water as they turned.

"Besides machine-gunning us, they also dropped between 15 and 20 bombs. "During one short respite our crew started to lower the lifeboat, but the aeroplanes returned and opened heavy fire, wounding two men. "I meanwhile, with great difficulty, managed to get off a wireless signal. "Finally, our boat was lowered and put into the water. It was riddled with bullets and the water barrel was punctured. "The crew, taking only two wounded with them, abandoned the ship and the aircraft went off to the northeast.

"When the lifeboat was 500 yards away from the trawler, which was still afloat, the aircraft returned and opened fire on us again, luckily without result. They also dropped three more bombs. "British aeroplanes then appeared and the Germans made off in the direction of home. "My trawler was entirely unharmed, and was flying the British mercantile flag and was engaged in fishing. "The German aircraft gave no warning whatever before opening fire and had apparently flown 350 miles from Germany for the set purpose of murdering Scottish fishermen. "To-day's evening papers give details of further similar outrages. "The trawler Trinity was bombed and machine-gunned in the North Sea yesterday. The survivors, whilst escaping from the sunken ship, were machine-gunned in the water by the Nazi bombers. Two of the crew of nine were killed and one was wounded.

Last night the German Radio announced brazenly that air attacks on 24 defenceless fishing vessels and tried to excuse them by describing the vessels as warships and naval auxiliaries. **Seamen Machine-Gunned**
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
BERGEN, Dec. 20 (UP). — The British trawler Trinity sank rapidly to-day after German planes dropped seven bombs in the Egerund yesterday. The trawler's crew afterwards made efforts to reach the wreckage. PLEASE Turn To Page 14.

Spee 100,000 pesos or nearly £6,000 a month. Expenses of the internment will be charged to the German Government. The officers will remain at Buenos Aires on parole, and the men will be interned in the country but will be allowed certain liberties.

INTERNING OF CREW
German "Disappointment" With Argentine
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
BERLIN, Dec. 20 (UP). — The internment of the Admiral Graf Spee's crew in Buenos Aires has caused disappointment in Berlin. It had been hoped that the crew would be considered as being "shipwrecked" and would be released accordingly. An authorised source on Monday told the press "the men who arrived at Buenos Aires after their ship had been sunk were unarmed. It is my personal opinion that under these circumstances they should not be interned." A spokesman of the Ministry of Propaganda told "United Press" on Tuesday night that he had not yet received any official news of the internment and therefore could make no comment. Well-informed quarters in Berlin believe it is possible that the German Government will protest against the internment. None of the morning papers mention either the sinking of the Graf Spee or the internment of the Graf Spee's crew. It is pointed out, however, that the German policy has always been to prevent the sinking of vessels in order to prevent their falling into enemy hands.

OFFICERS ON PAROLE
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20 (Reuter). — The Argentine Government will pay the interned crew of the Graf Spee.

GERMANY BERLIN, Dec. 20 (Reuter). — Herr Hitler left Berlin to-day to spend Christmas at Berchtesgaden. It is not known whether he means to keep up his usual custom of celebrating Christmas with members of the Nazi Party in the Beer Cellar at Munich.

You May Not Know—
That the Nazis, recently boasted that South-West Africa would soon have a German Governor again. The boast was made by Herr Lierau, German consul at Windhoek, S.W. Africa, who before he went to Africa was active in Sudetenland. South-West Africa, now administered by the Union of South Africa under a League of Nations mandate, has a population of 333,000 Africans and 32,000 Europeans, of whom 9,600 are Germans. About half the Germans are naturalised South Africans. It is the other half who cause all the trouble. They are organised in two bodies—the Deutsche Sudwest Bund and the Pathfinders (for the German youth). Leader of the Bund is Dr. Hirschhorn, who might be described as Nazi Gauleiter for the colony.

War Nearly Started In S.W. Africa, Says Smuts
STANDERTON, Transvaal, Dec. 20 (Reuter). — If the South African Government had not taken over the Police of South-West Africa, the world war might have broken out, not in Poland, but in South Africa, declared General Jan Smuts, the South African Premier, in a speech to his constituents. General Smuts added that but for the Government's quick action, an outbreak of war might have occurred on the borders of South Africa. Germany had followed in South West Africa the same technique of undermining and breaking the spirits and independence of the people as she had done in Austria and Czechoslovakia. Independence Threatened If Germany had repaid South-West Africa, there was no doubt that the freedom and independence of PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

OMINOUS ADVICE
Russo-German Eyes On Sweden?
LONDON, Dec. 20 (UP). — The "Exchange Telegraph" Pelting correspondent reports that the local German Bank is advising all German clients to sell their holdings of Swedish kroner as soon as possible.

Big Air Attacks
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 20 (UP). — It is officially stated that Russian troops, supported by hundreds of tanks and under cover of massed air squadrons estimated at 250 bombers made one of their heaviest attacks of the war during the past 48 hours on the Karelian front. The attack was centred on the 15 mile stretch between Lake Muola and the Finns have a triple line of fortifications. It is reliably reported that two Soviet regiments have been wiped out in the Savikko region where the Finns were aided by a snowstorm and bitter cold. The Finns claim they captured 10 tanks and downed 20 planes in last Tuesday's fighting on the Karelian PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

NAZI LIES ANSWERED
They Still Claim A Graf Spee Victory
LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter). — The following is a special commentary issued in London to-day: German propaganda alleged that the Exeter and Ajax ran away and that the Achilles was sunk; and that Germany and Uruguay alone knew the hour that the Graf Spee must leave. After the scuttling was suggested, events were precipitated by the action of Uruguay. At 7 p.m. on December 18, the "Deutschland Sender" station announced that the Exeter was so badly smashed that she resembled an open rowing boat. At 8 a.m. on December 19, the same station said that it was the humane decision of the Fuehrer not to allow the lives of the crew of the Graf Spee to be imperilled in a fight with greatly superior forces. The connection with the scuttling of the Graf Spee, and the loss or damage to two German cruisers in three days, the following British naval losses are recapitulated: — Courageous, Royal Oak, Gypsy, Blanche, Orlay, Duchs, PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

FRANCO-JAPANESE DISPUTE ENDS
PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuter). — A Franco-Japanese agreement is signed settling the terms of execution of the agreement between the Municipality of Tokyo and French bondholders. A Foreign Office representative declared: "The agreement happily ends a long dispute and cannot fail to favour closer Franco-Japanese relations."

NAZIS HAVE SCUTTLED 23 OF THEIR SHIPS
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
LONDON, Dec. 20 (Domel). — Informed quarters point out that with the sinking of the 32,000-ton liner Columbus, the number of German merchant ships which have been scuttled since the outbreak of the war has reached 23 ships totalling about 130,000 tons. German ships which have been seized by the Allied Navies number 19 craft, totalling 88,218 tons. Total Loss 224,000 Tons
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
LONDON, Dec. 20 (UP). — It is calculated that the loss of the German liner Columbus brings the total German merchant marine losses during the war up to 41 vessels aggregating 224,000 tons. The Columbus was the last vessel to be scuttled. Four merchantmen were sunk in other ways, while 16 have been captured by the Allies and three were seized in Allied ports when war was declared. The Columbus is easily the largest victim of the sea warfare, the next being the Watushi of 9,321 tons which was scuttled in the Indian Ocean after she had slipped out on PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

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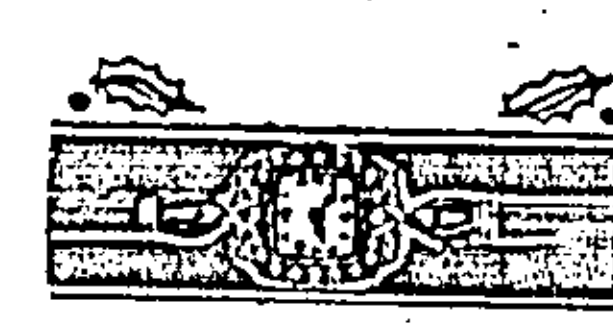


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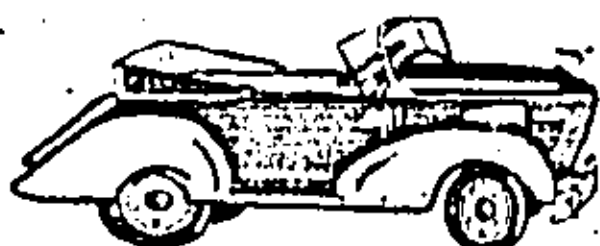


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New Chinese Army Ten Million Strong

By LOUISE MORGAN

A NEW Chinese army ten millions strong—the biggest conscript army ever raised in any country—was described to me by Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Chinese Legislative Yuan, when he arrived in London recently.

It has been secretly assembled and trained in many different parts of the Western provinces over the past 14 or 15 months, since conscription came into force.

Most of the soldiers are young country lads, tough fighters, who will go through anything to save their country from aggression.

Nobody except the Generalissimo, Chiang Kai-shek, knows the whereabouts of this mystery army or the date of the big offensive for which it is now being intensively prepared.

SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

ALL LORRIES TO USE GAS

The gravity of Germany's petrol shortage is shown by an order for the compulsory conversion to gas of all motor-lorries over 30cwt. It is a long-term programme, which indicates how little faith the Government has in Russian supplies.

A start is to be made with the heaviest vehicles, which use the most petrol. Owners will receive orders telling them where to take their lorries for conversion, and imposing a time-limit.

Since the range of gas-propelled vehicles is short, the order will apply only to lorries garaged within six miles of a gas-producing plant. The authorities promise, however, to establish a "close network" of such plants all over the Reich.

Manufacturing "Victories"

While the German High Command day after day has nothing particular to report, propaganda film-makers are more resourceful. They are manufacturing Western Front "victories" somewhere in Bohemia.

Travellers returning from there are surprised by watching the making of a picture in which the Czech fortifications "surrendered" a year ago provided a "Magnet Line" background. A brigade of German soldiers, costumed in French uniforms, manned defences which were gallantly stormed by Nazi troops.

When Looting Is Pardonable
To reassure the civil population behind the Siegfried Line the German High Command has issued new and more stringent-sounding regulations against looting and "scrounging" by the troops. Life imprisonment or shooting are prescribed as penalties in extreme cases.

"But," adds the order, "the acquisition in case of urgent need of clothing, equipment, provisions (including necessities or luxuries), fodder, fuel, vehicles, petrol and other requirements, shall not be regarded as looting."

No New Clothes For Christmas
One feature of the new clothes rationing order is causing particular dismay. Germans will be able to buy scarcely any new clothes for Christmas. Of their 100 coupons they may use only 30 before the end of the year. Little can be obtained with these.

A woman might buy a nightdress and one handkerchief, or half a dozen pairs of stockings and half a dozen handkerchiefs. A man could obtain a sweater, or alternatively a pair of pyjamas, a collar and a handkerchief. A new suit or costume would be well beyond the reach of either.

Cathedral Treasures "Saved"
Films also contribute another piece of Nazi propaganda. Now being screened is a picture showing how German soldiers "saved" sacramental vessels and other treasures from the burning cathedral at Lublin.

In fact, the cathedral was on fire before the Germans entered the city, and it was the citizens who brought out their treasures. The Nazis arrived just in time to take them away in lorries.

War Soap From Coal
The Germans are to produce synthetic fat from coal, states the Frankfurt correspondent of the Copenhagen "Politiken." Among other things this will be used for a special type of war soap.

A new company has been formed to produce the fat. Another company with seven factories is trying to extract the utmost from several thousand tons of whale oil which it has received.

Secret munitions factories, scattered like the soldiers over an enormous territory to escape Japanese bombs, have sprung up by the thousands in the west. The Chinese have worked out a system of small-scale mass production in miniature factories tucked like villages among the green mountains, valleys, waterfalls and winding streams.

Hidden From Planes

"They are so situated that they are completely invisible from the air," said Dr. Sun.

The European war is interfering very little with the flow of necessary supplies to China, he told me.

The trade treaty with Russia which he signed in Moscow last June is now in operation with a free exchange. China gets munitions and machinery and sends tea and the more valuable metals, such as tungsten and antimony.

The Best Source

"The Soviet Union has given us more help and more material than any other source," said Dr. Sun.

From America supplies, such as petrol and steel, farm machinery and lorries, arrive unimpeded by way of China's back door through Burma, proceeding along the great "postrail" built with the bare hands of millions of Chinese tillers of the good earth.

The third successive bumper harvest has filled China's stores. Only in the flood areas is there any want—and all these areas are in Japanese occupation.

Dr. Sun thinks war-time London is "as good as a play."

"It is interesting to find how much more seriously you take war than we do. You have changed the face of London and blacked out the whole country. And there has not been one single bomb! In China we have no black-out. But if we hear a raid-coming we put out the lights naturally."

THREE WHALE TWINS

Antarctic Season Yields Unusual Find

Washington, Dec. 20.
American whalers have returned from the Antarctic with stories of finding three sets of whale twins during last season's catch.

Four of the twins, yet unborn, were in two finback whales. The mother of the other set was a big blue whale. It is rare for the sea-going stock to bring twin whales.

The three sets of twins were the only ones found in the season's catch of 2,204 whales, from which was processed 7,156,700 gallons of oil, 210 tons of bone and 390 tons of meat fertilizer, all valued at \$3,250,000.—United Press.

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"Only the one, madam?" inquired the assistant.
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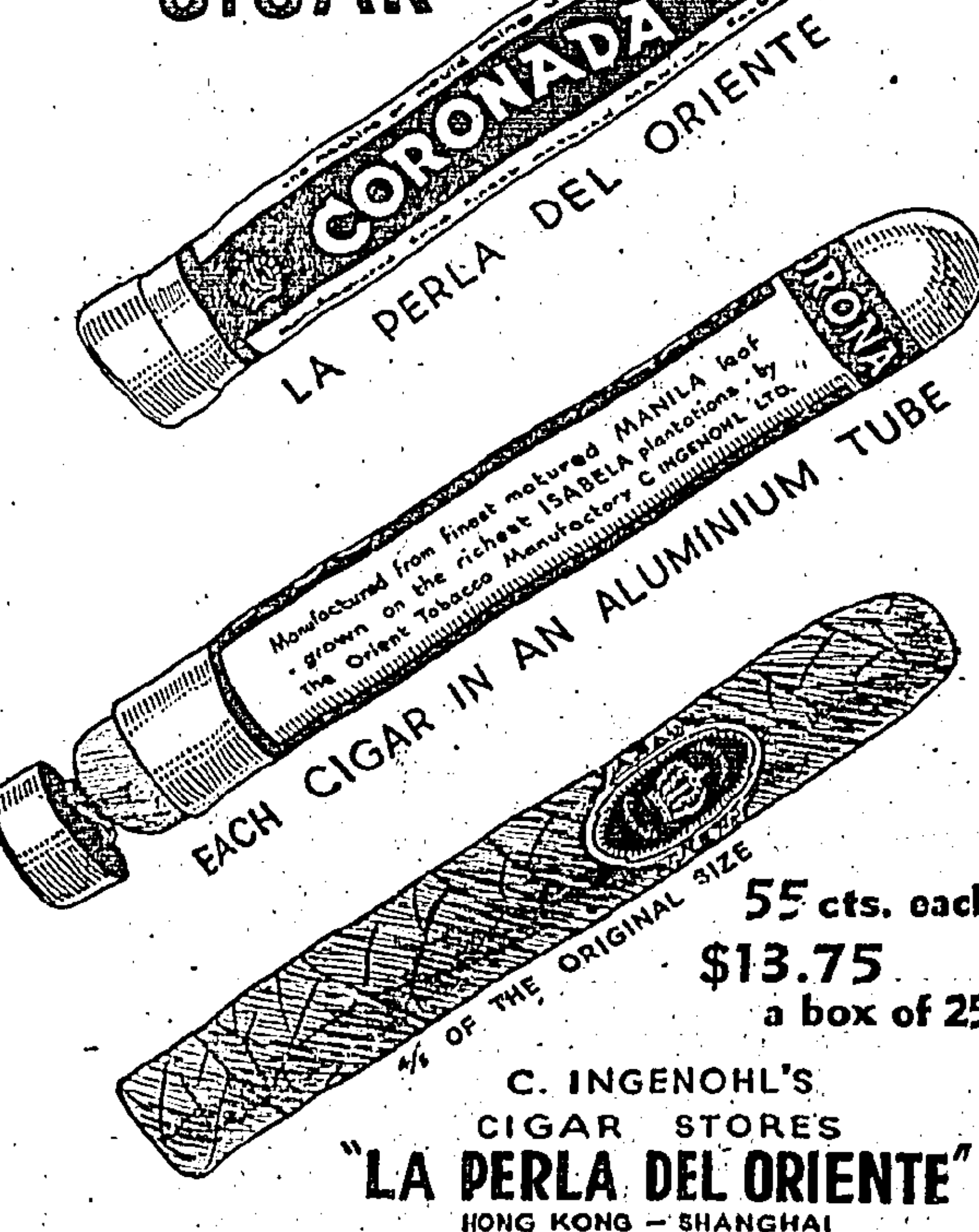
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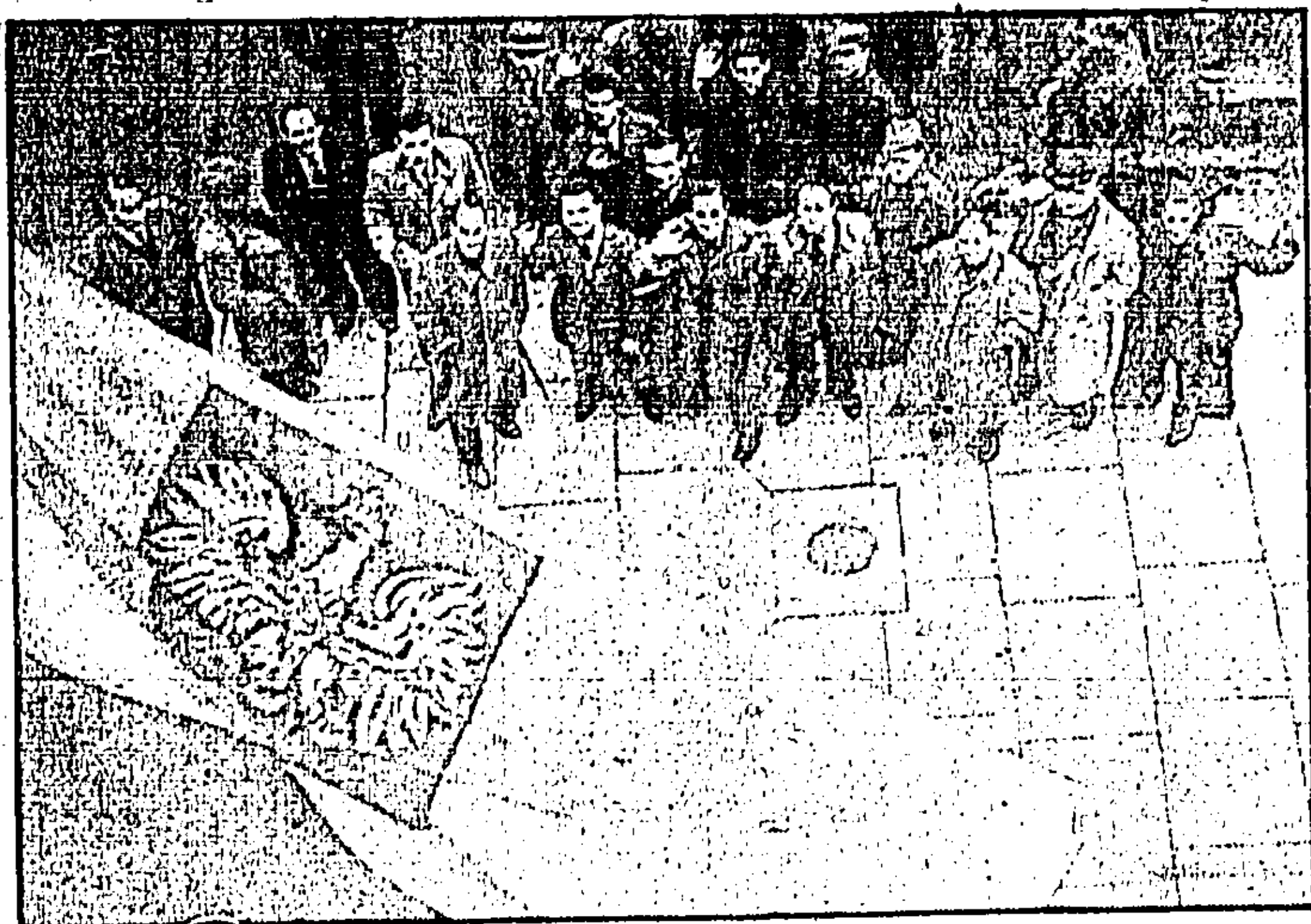
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ARMY'S EARS BECOME ITS EYES

By IAN MACKAY

THE Ministry of Supply tour of the munitions factories took us to a great optical works where men and women were skilfully fashioning the eyes of the Army.

To-day we have spent several fascinating hours watching

POLES IN BRITAIN JOIN UP

A POLISH officer fought till the White Flag was hoisted in Gdynia.

Then he changed into civilian clothes, climbed into a tiny plane, and escaped over the frontier.

With more than 60 other Poles living in this country—you see several in above picture—he registered at the Polish Embassy in London for service with the Polish Army in France.

"I was probably one of the last officers to get out of Gdynia," he said.

"Now I want the chance to have a 'go' at the Germans on something like equal terms."

Registration of Poles will continue at the Embassy till the end of November.

"Scotland Yard" For Africa

PRETORIA. (U.P.)—A special police branch, shaped to some extent on the special branch of Scotland Yard in Britain, has been created in South Africa to deal with underground movements in the Union, as well as with such bodies as the greyshirts, the brownshirts and other Fascist organisations.

Boy Collects Match Books

YAKIMA. (U.P.)—Richard Stahl, Yakima, boy, has collected more than 2,000 packets of paper matches in the last four years. Every one is different. The youth has two or three packets from every state in the Union, one from Canada, one from England, two from Alaska and 10 from the Hawaiian Islands.

PARIS GOES TO WAR FOR 1940 STYLES

PARIS.—Moginot and Polu blue, trench brown, plane gray and legion red were the dominating colours in mid-season collections of new military fashions shown to-day.

The shows were given in spite of the war but greatly under its influence.

This feminine wear included coats and suits with big military-style pockets 10 to 20 inches long. Some new models by Schiaparelli showed swinging saddle pockets, some in fur and others in elaborately braided fabrics.

Many suits had leather-trimmed pockets swung in knapsack style from the shoulder. Dresses had front pockets swung from belts.

Apart from the military motif were new "washerwoman" frocks, featuring skirts adjustable at the hips for day length or ankle length for evenings. Ostrich and equestrian were shown with these dresses.

Military-style coats had turn-over collars, gold buttons and belts. Some copied trench coats.

Wool jersey dresses showed military touches at the collar points which were of red velvet and gold, embroidered with various French army insignia.

Tweed suits featured a wrap-around skirt worn over bloomers or plus-fours in a bright, contrasting colour which matched accompanying blouses and hats, shown with the military models.

For "gas raids"—there haven't been any—there was a blue oil-skin suit along the lines of a ski outfit. It carried an oilskin hood and the accessories included oilskin-topped boots and a pig-skin-covered canteen to be carried at the hip.

A taffeta dress streaked with dark red, green and blue was named "camouflage."

RADIO CITY.

which moves in sympathy with it, so that once the plane is picked up it remains in sight—a prisoner of the beam.

At the trials I was told that the anti-aircraft guns were on the target three minutes after the first faint sound was picked up. Incidentally, I noticed that the searchlight used here was made by a firm which usually builds omnibuses—another example of the war-time swiftness of industry.

The sound locator must be perfect and before it is taken over by the Army it has to survive 422 tests, apart from its final field trials.

Most of the work in the shell fuse shops is done by girls. The noise in this fuse shop was almost unbearable, like a hailstorm of cannon balls on a corrugated iron roof, but the girls have got quite accustomed to it and go on talking to each other about Robert Donat and Ann Sheridan as if they were in a hospital ward.

The Uses of Alcohol

They also help to make prismatic compasses filled with alcohol. Believe it or not, the alcohol is there to "stop them from oscillating."

This is not the only paradox of production, however, as it seems that the thicker the head of a sound locator the cleverer it is.

In one room I was shown a micrometer, which is accurate to a millionth of an inch. It is so sensitive that if you stand near it the temperature of your body will make it go wrong.

The care taken to ensure that everything that goes out is "ship-shape and Bristol fashion" is shown by the fact that every predictor is placed in an artificial rainstorm for hours on end to ensure that it will stand up to the worst weather.

Everybody here is performing magnificent service, but the busiest of them all is a little fellow nobody has ever seen.

Slave-Drivers

He never eats or sleeps but just goes on rushing about the place taking a hand in everything. This is our invisible friend the electron, and here, as a world-famous scientist said to me, they have "a team of electron slave-drivers," whipping him on to greater and greater effects.

Even the old cathode-ray tube, which only a few years ago was a scientists' plaything, is now performing hurelleen tasks.

The pity of it is that these things should be doing this at all but, as the electron is not an Englishman, and obeys Hitler just as implicitly, I suppose we must go on sweating him until the blessed day arrives when we shall find something nobler for him to do.

TRIALS NEXT WEEK

Glenorchy Nearly Ready To Sail for England

The 9,000-ton motorship Glenorchy, biggest ship, with the Breconshire, ever built in Hongkong, will undergo her trials on Thursday, December 28, and her completion will be celebrated by a grand cocktail party on board on the following day.

Progress on the Glenorchy since her launching at Talkoo Dockyard on August 17 has been better than was predicted, as January was the speculative date for her completion. She will now be able to sail for Shanghai early in the new year and on her maiden trip Home about 15 days later.

Her master is to be Captain W. Christie, lately in command of the Flintshire and one of the senior Blue Funnel skipper, who has already arrived in the Colony. Mr. R. Blakey will be Chief Mate. Mr. J. Threlfall, who came from Home to superintend the installation of engines in both the Breconshire and the Glenorchy, will return with the ship as Chief Officer.

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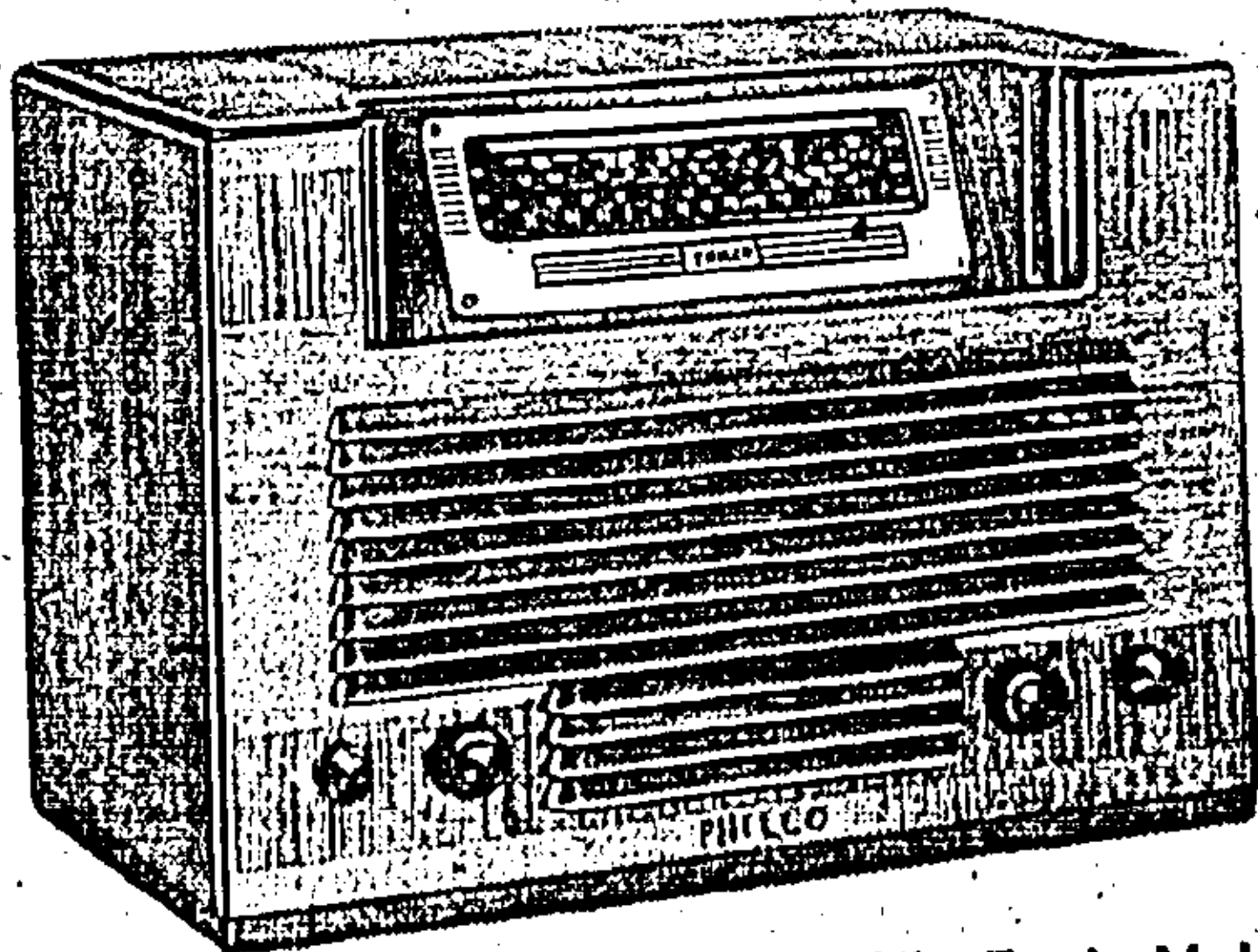
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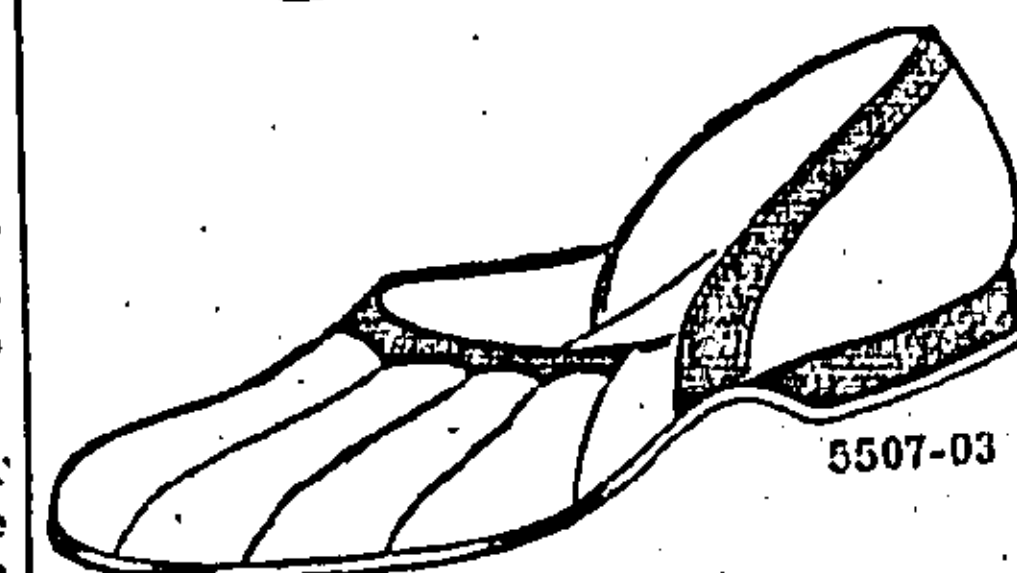
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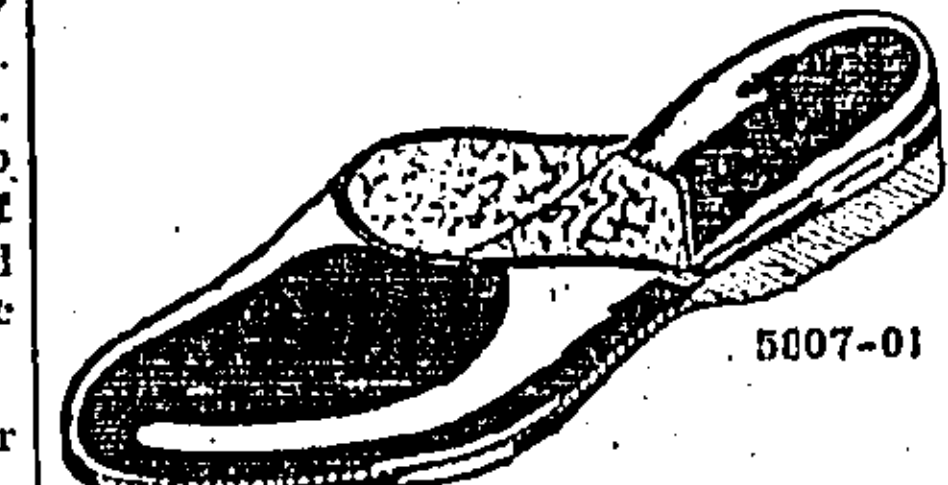
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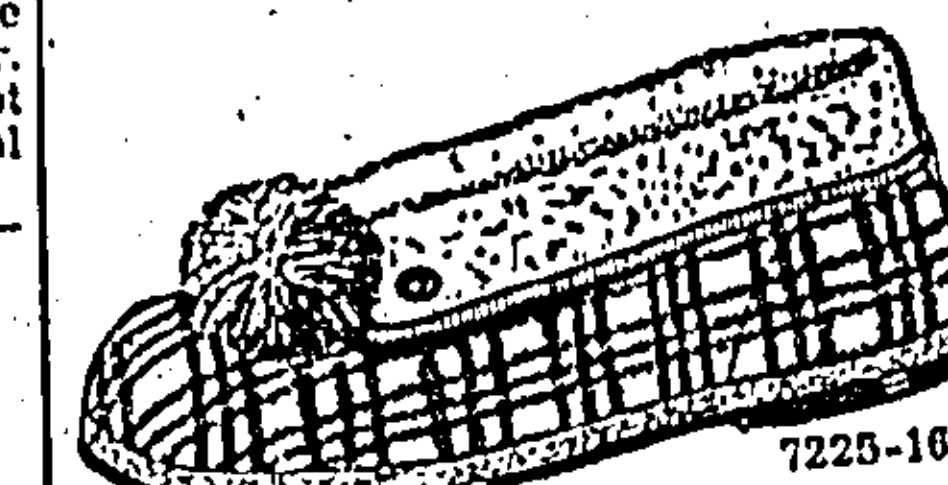
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NOTICE

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on **FRIDAY, 22nd December, 1939, at 12 o'clock (Noon)**, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the financial year ended 30th September, 1939, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS AND REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS will be closed from Friday, 1st December, 1939, to Friday, 22nd December, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN V. BRAGA,

Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, 15th November, 1939.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Shanghai	300
T.T. Singapore	32 1/2
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T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	48 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	106 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	107 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

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4 m/s D/P do.	1/3 3/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	11 1/4
30 d/s India	84 1/2
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U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.95

WAR NEARLY STARTED IN S. W. AFRICA, SAYS SMUTS

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South Africa would not have lasted long.

Loud applause greeted General Smuts' remark that Germany, as a neighbour, was a threat but that England was South Africa's greatest friend.

General Smuts declared that there was very strong documentary evidence to show how German eyes had been on South Africa, who possessed her former colonies.

Wants World Domination

Germany was out not merely to remove old wrongs but to seize all the neighbouring nations and then to dominate the world.

Regarding the question of independence, General Smuts said that no small nation could safeguard its freedom on its own feet.

If South Africa seceded from the guarantee of a great Power and the only one possible was Britain.

A motion of confidence in General Smuts was given with acclamation.

Political writers describe the freeing as a great personal triumph for General Smuts, showing that his policy is increasingly supported as it becomes understood and the world situation develops.

Raids On Nazis

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The Police to-day carried out

C. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Wednesday, the 27th day of December, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 21 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Area in Acres	Upset Price
1	108	Mount Cameron Road, Repulse Bay, N. 10th	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	10,320	2.37	\$915

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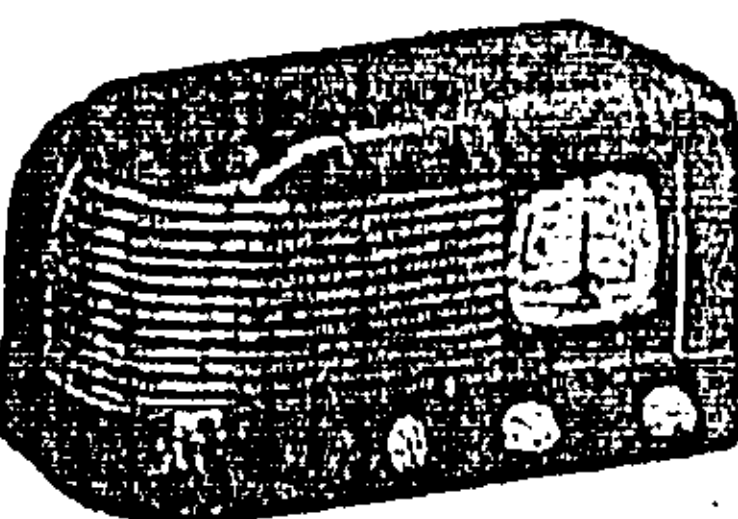
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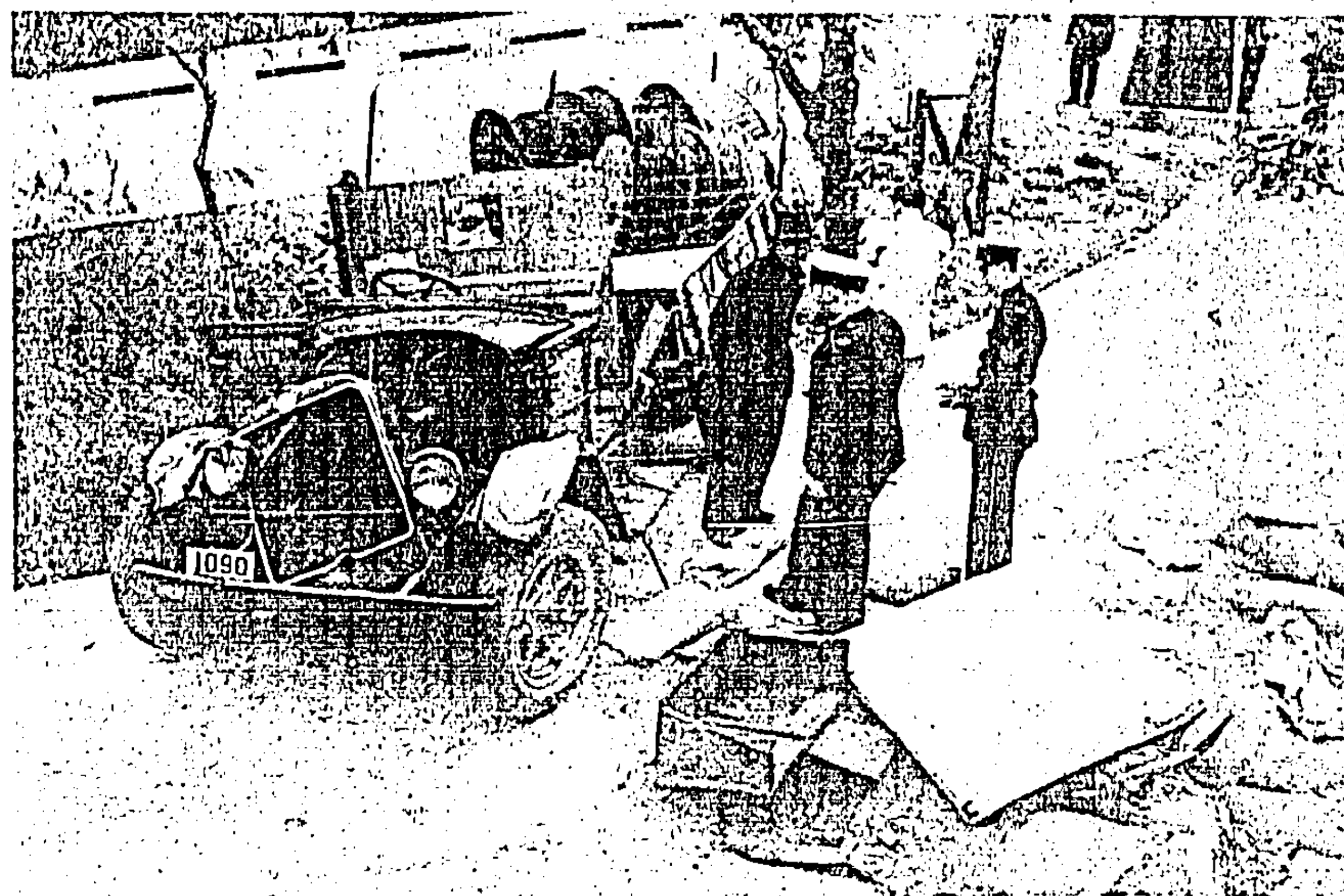
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ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE CAPTAIN TAKES HIS LIFE

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written another page to the glory of the German Navy. Before his suicide, Capt. Langsdorff wrote a letter to the German Ambassador in which he said that when he received the order to scuttle the Graf Spee he had intended, after disembarking the crew, to die aboard in the explosion.

Hitler Branded

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued to-day states:

"The news just received that Captain Langsdorff has committed suicide bears out the view previously taken that the scuttling of the Graf Spee was directly ordered by Hitler, and that her ignominious end is as great a violation of the traditions of the old German Navy as the cowardly sinking of defenceless merchantmen and travellers."

Berlin Shocked

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—News of the Langsdorff suicide came as an unpleasant shock to German official circles, "Reuter" learns from Berlin.

The Propaganda Ministry has not yet decided whether or in what form the news can be published in the newspapers.

U.S. Denial

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (UP).—State Department officials deny reports from South America that the United States participated in Uruguay's decision to expel the Graf Spee and that they had promised to send a warship to help in the enforcement of the order. They described the reports as being "absolutely baseless."

Fought At Jutland

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Dec. 20 (Domel).—Captain Langsdorff was 45 years old. He joined the German Navy in 1912 and during the Great War he took part in the Jutland Battle. He was appointed commander of the Graf Spee in October, 1938.

NAZI LIES ANSWERED

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Rawalpindi and a few auxiliary patrol vessels:

The Ark Royal, Repulse, Renown, Southampton, Hood and other ships, alleged to be sunk or damaged, are still employed in their lawful duties, some of which are now revealed:

Superior Aircraft

Air attacks on naval vessels are completely futile. No naval vessels are sunk by this method.

British aircraft have proved vastly superior. Even bombers are more than a match for German fighters. Witness Sunday's fight when 12 Messerschmitts and fighters were lost, and only seven bombers, whereas normally bombers, unassisted by fighters, are at a great disadvantage against wave after wave of more rapid fighting aircraft.

The principal German successes have been against unarmed merchant ships, including neutrals. They now dare to operate only:

- 1.—Against neutrals inside territorial waters;
- 2.—In the Baltic;
- 3.—Machine-gunning trawlers;
- 4.—Mine-laying the merchant lines normally used by neutral shipping.

The Canadians

The Canadian troops arriving in England were entirely recruited by voluntary enlistment. French-speaking Canadians rallied as eagerly as English-speaking Canadians, emphasising the overwhelming veridical of the Quebec general election. They constitute a citizen force from every province, all classes and sections coming to fight in defence of the liberties and values at stake in the present struggle.

Arriving on the same day was the agreement signed between the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand to establish the Empire air training organisation in Canada to produce tens of thousands of airmen yearly, thus, by a co-operative effort, winning predominance in the air similar to that enjoyed at sea.

ARMY CAR SOMERSAULTS ON PEAK

Chinese Sappers Have Miraculous Escape

Seven Chinese sappers of the Royal Engineers were injured and taken to the Queen Mary Hospital this morning when the lorry in which they were travelling to the Peak leapt over a 15 foot embankment, and turned a complete somersault before landing on its four wheels.

The driver, Leung Shui-wai, 22, escaped with a few scratches, while four other sappers were badly shaken. The vehicle was an open type United Delivery lorry which was under contract to the Military, and was proceeding to the Peak with the sappers and a load of sandbags.

Steering Locked

The driver stated that he was turning from the lower part of Stubbs Road at the bend of the petrol station to go up Stubbs Road, when the steering locked, and the vehicle went over before he could straighten it. The incident occurred about ten minutes past eight, and Traffic Inspector Saunders and Sub-Inspector

OMINOUS ADVICE

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Isthmus in which they said the Russians used 30 ton tanks. Meanwhile, thousands of fresh Soviet troops and a large number of new tanks are reported to have arrived on the central front, presaging a major Soviet offensive.

Men born in 1899 have been called to the colours by Finland as the Russians begin the third week of incessant hammering on the Mannerheim Line.

Canadian Gives War Hospital

TORONTO, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—A private citizen of Toronto has given \$150,000 (about £30,000) to pay for a hospital in Buckinghamshire, England.

Canada will thus have its first war hospital overseas. The gift was made to the Toronto branch of the Red Cross Society.

Clarke were on the scene a few minutes later. Damage to the lorry consisted of a smashed radiator and bonnet from mudguards crumpled, and the side of the lorry slightly torn.

POST OFFICE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On Monday, the 25th December, and Tuesday, the 26th December the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:—

Monday, 25th December

General Post Office 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Kowloon Central Post Office 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Sheungwan Branch Post Office 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Tuesday, 26th December

G. P. O. 8 a.m. to Noon; K. P. O. 8 a.m. to Noon; Sheungwan 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

All other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, the 25th and at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 26th.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 11 a.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 15th Dec. 21.

Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 13th November) Dec. 21.

Halphong Dec. 21.

Shanghai Dec. 21.

Straits Dec. 21.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 15th Dec. Dec. 22.

U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco date, 22nd Nov.) Dec. 22.

Australia and Manila Dec. 22.

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Salmon Dec. 22.

Straits Dec. 22.

Japan Dec. 22.

Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 13th Nov.) Dec. 22.

Halphong and Hainan Dec. 23.

Japan and Shanghai Dec. 23.

Sandakan and Amoy Dec. 23.

Calcutta and Straits Dec. 23.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 16th Dec.

Japan Dec. 24.

Manila Dec. 24.

Shanghai and Amoy Dec. 24.

Shanghai Dec. 24.

OUTWARD MAILS

Thursdays, Dec. 21

Amoy and Parrels only for Shanghai 2.30 p.m.

Parrels only for Shanghai 5.00 p.m.

Amoy 7.00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22

Amoy 8.30 a.m.

Dairen 8.30 a.m.

Salmon 8.30 a.m.

Shanghai 8.30 a.m.

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 4th January 1940

K.P.O. 2.45 p.m.

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Formosa, and Shanghai 4.30 p.m.

Japan 4.30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 23

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 20th December, K.P.O.

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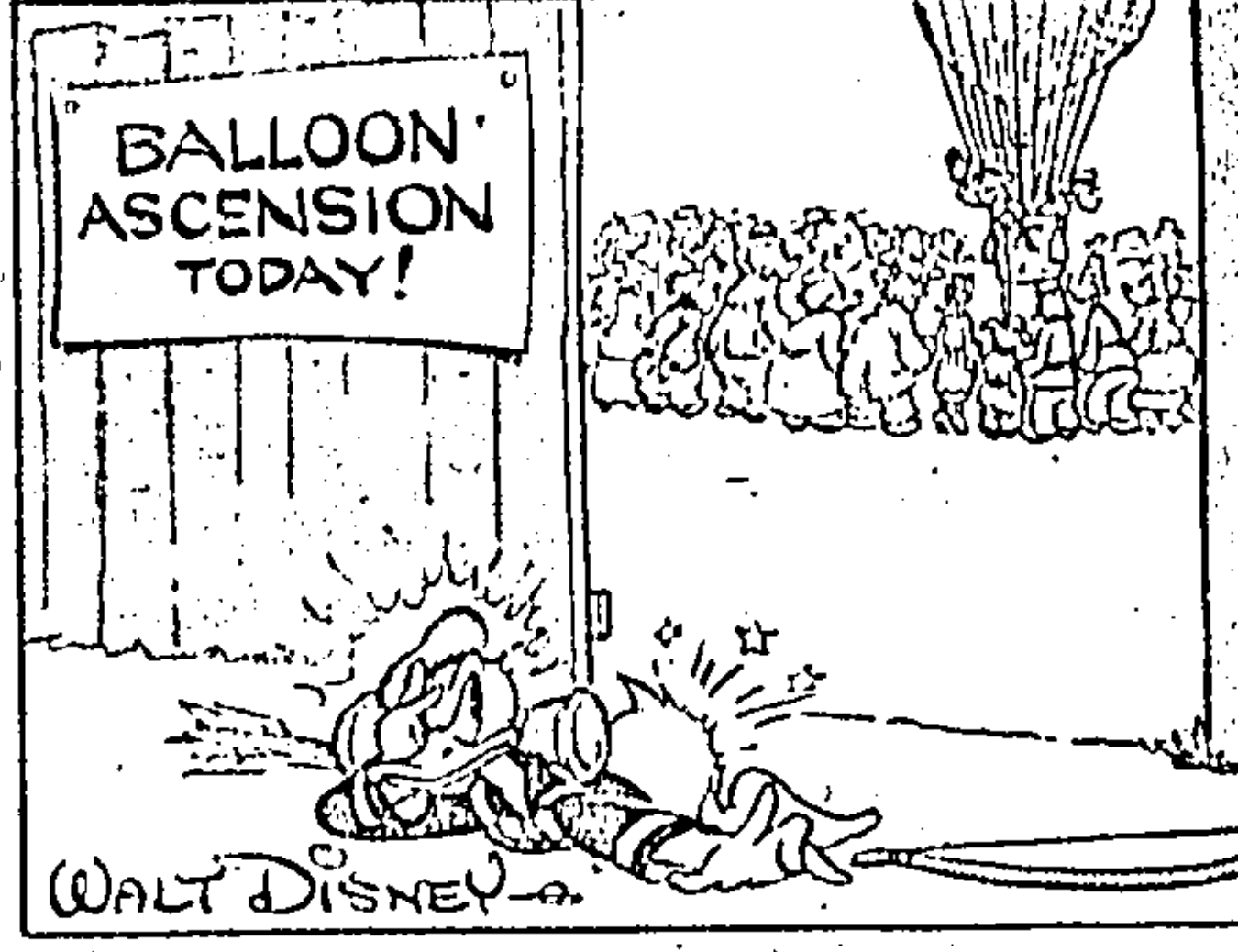
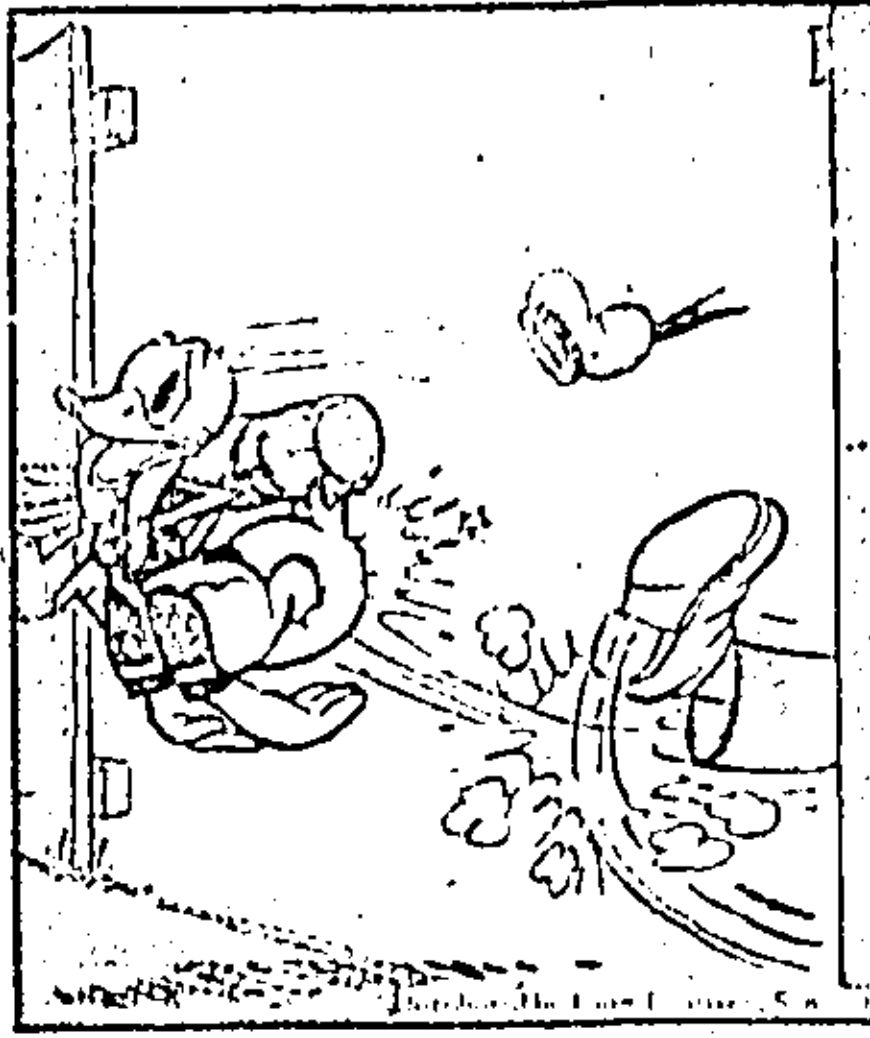
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Yangtse Reopening Difficulties Foreseen French Comment On Announcement

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—While noting with satisfaction the Japanese Government's announced intention of partially re-opening the Yangtse River, well-informed circles in Paris do not underestimate the difficulties surrounding the question.

It is felt here that the matter is one which primarily concerns Britain because of her river traffic, although France and other European countries and America are also concerned.

Inevitable Issues

It seems inevitable that such questions must arise as the presence of Japanese troops along the banks of the Yangtse, river barriers, Japanese demands for a strict watch on munitions in order to stop the supply of arms to the army of Chiang Kai-shek, and Japanese control of the Customs.

It is pointed out that whether the creation of a convoy system for the purpose of stopping the arms traffic would meet the Japanese case is a problem which must require close attention.

Seaforth Faces Serious Charge

SILANGHAI, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Private Eckford, of the Seaforth

FINLAND'S APPEAL FOR PEACE

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Finland has made another peace appeal to Moscow.

In a Russian broadcast, the announcer called on the Russians to rise against the provokers of the war and bring peace between Soviet Russia and Finland.

FLOATING MINES IN H.K. WATERS

Mines continue to float around the Colony's waters.

Sub-Lieut. T. Parsons of the Hongkong Naval Defence Force has reported that he sighted a floating mine about 7 o'clock on Tuesday morning near the Adamaster Light. He sunk it from his launch with Lewis-gun fire opposite Cheung Chau harbour.

Later he sighted three other drifting mines near Adamaster Light. They were moving in a westerly direction, and he reports that he considers them a danger to navigation. They have not yet been destroyed.

Hirelanders, will be tried by a British Supreme Court on January 9 in connection with the death of Lance Corporal Davies on the night of November 4.

Soviet "Shyness" Blow To His Hopes?

HITLER WARNED OF "FAILURE CHANCES"

Columbus Scuttling Nazis Kept In Ignorance

White House Issues New Statement

BERLIN, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Up to a late hour to-day, Germans were not allowed to know that the Columbus had been scuttled by her crew, nor did they know that the French had sunk two more U-boats.

No Naval Action

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Mr. Stephen Early, the White House Secretary, declared that the more complete reports now received have convinced the United States Government that the Columbus had scuttled herself in order to avoid the risk of encounter or seizure outside the Neutrality Zone.

No naval action or encounter was reported.

Therefore, the question of any violation of the Neutrality Zone is not involved.

MADAME TABOUI, FAMOUS FRENCH DIPLOMATIC COMMENTATOR, TO-DAY REVEALS SOME OF THE REASONS WHY HITLER STILL HESITATES TO LAUNCH THE WAR.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, IN HIS TALKS WITH HIS ADVISERS, HE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF FAILURE AND ENVISAGED THE LIKELIHOOD OF HIS OWN "RETIREMENT" IF CERTAIN PLANS FAILED.

By MADAME TABOUI

THERE are three outstanding facts about Hitler's recent series of consultations with civil and military chiefs in Berlin.

Firstly, a speech by the Fuhrer in which it is understood he announced his desire to carry out shortly "levee en masse" in Germany rather than wait successful outcome of the Nazi offensive in the West, as certain generals advise.

["Levee en masse" implies that the whole country is called to take arms at the approach of an enemy.]

The second fact is: For the first time the Fuhrer discussed in the presence of military chiefs and Nazi party leaders the possibility of failure on the Western Front.

He laid down that the offensive in the West be carried out in three phases: No. 1, Recovery of the territory lost in front of the Siegfried Line, which has now been practically achieved.

No. 2: Simultaneous offensives—which can be launched whenever the Fuhrer gives the order—against the northern sector of the Maginot Line, and against Britain by occupying a "corridor" in Holland which would give German forces 35 miles of coastline on which to base attacks on Britain.

Success—Or He Abdicates

No. 3: Mass offensive against the whole Maginot Line by way of Belgium, the North Sea coast, and Switzerland.

According to indiscreet revelations in Nazi circles, which have been repeated in Paris through neutral countries, Hitler declared that in case of failure of any important operation forming part of the Western offensive, the Reichswehr would carry out a methodical withdrawal of forces from the left to the right bank of the Rhine.

The Army would hold this line in support of diplomatic action of the Nazi Government to obtain peace, guaranteeing unity of the Reich in accordance with the Munich agreement, but including Danzig.

The Fuhrer added that if this move could succeed only on condition of his retirement, he would be ready in the interests of his "great work" to take the "generous and heroic decisions necessary." Nazi circles took this to mean that the Fuhrer would abdicate if that would facilitate re-establishment of peace with the democracies.

More Power For The Nazi Party

When in March 1936 he laid before the generals his plan for re-occupation of the Rhineland, and they were frightened by his audacity, he declared that if France and Britain moved against him he would commit suicide. Nevertheless, the fact that he even considers the possibility of failure is worthy of note.

The third outstanding fact is the extraordinary speech the Fuhrer made that Sunday morning to Gauleiters and SA leaders, enjoining them to apply martial law henceforth in their respective districts.

This means that he gave them the opportunity of acting as "guardians" of the army. Party decisions, therefore, can no longer be questioned by the military.

Hitler literally fanaticized these Nazi officials by telling them: "You approved my orders of June 1934, the object of which was to carry on party work without hindrance. To-day we must reap the fruits of our work. Anyone who gets in our way must fall. The great future of the Reich and the still greater future of the party is at stake. You are the party. It is, therefore, a question of you and of all of us and our lives. Strike the blow. I will not allow anyone to criticise your orders."

Desperate Pro-Stalin Policy

"Henceforth there must be only one party in the State—the Workers' Party. I trust you Gauleiters to strike down reaction, no matter where it hides itself."

Foreign observers in Berlin consider this a desperate attempt on the part of the Fuhrer to rally the masses of the Reich around him by a pro-Stalin policy, while endeavouring to avoid any blow directed against him—for he is aware that in the Politburo, General Voroshilov and Shaposhnikov have been saying that it was not worth while choosing Germans as allies if the Russian authorities were not determined to get more advantages from the association with the Reich.

Hitler must also be aware that leaflets are being printed in Moscow lauding Stalin and making Hitler responsible for war. At any rate, a week after his speech the Fuhrer is still hesitating to attack.

The imperative reason for this is now known. Seeing that the Kremlin does not want to enter a military alliance with Germany or even to support her with planes, submarines or other war material, Hitler finally tried to obtain through the German Charge d'Affaires in Moscow a promise that in case German reserves were exhausted in attack on the West, Stalin would come to his aid with "an expeditionary force of Red volunteers."

Stalin wishes to submit this delicate question to the Politburo for minute diplomatic examination. He considers it would be dangerous for the Soviet to modify the present policy of "pacific neutrality."

CENTENARY STAMPS

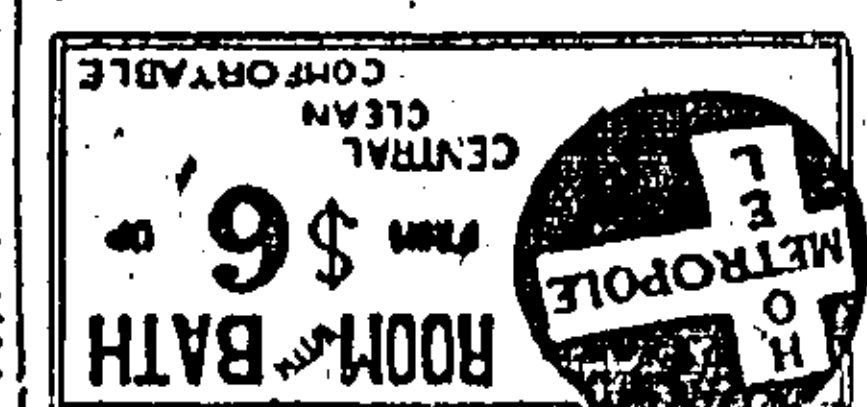
Suggestions from Public Will be Welcomed

Government still has under consideration the Hongkong postage stamps which are to be issued in commemoration of the Colony's centenary in 1941.

It is understood that suggested designs are being studied. There will very probably be six stamps ranging up to \$1. The most popular idea appears to be scenic reproductions, but

It is the desire that the design be also symbolic of the progress made since 1841.

Government does not propose to hold a competition, but in reply to an inquiry it was said that suggestions would be welcomed.



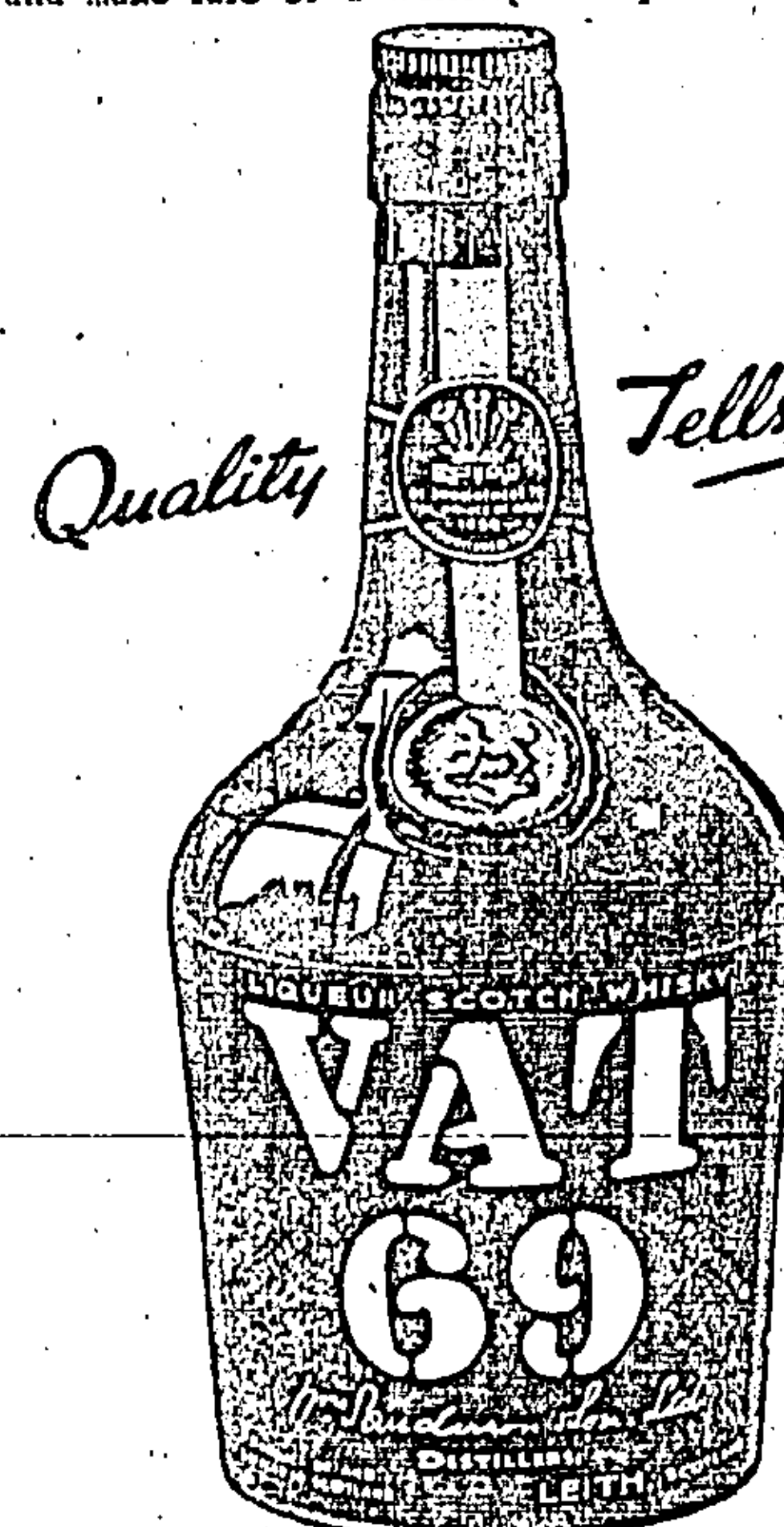
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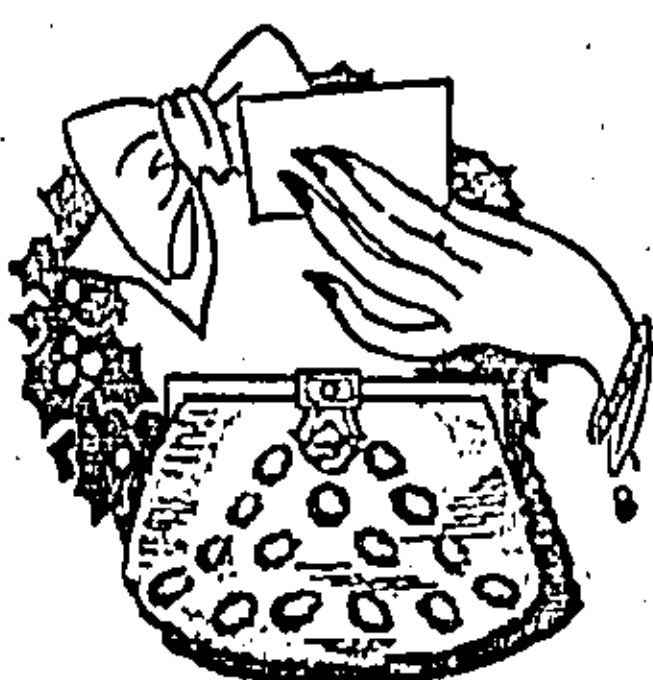
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The Infant

NOWADAYS Christmas is for most people merely a holiday, not a holy day. The pagan features of the festival have become predominant; although, to be sure, they have been transfigured by the spirit of Christmas charity. The Church has always shown a far-seeing sagacity in adapting old pre-Christian observances in new and finer usages. Thus the universal custom of present-giving recalls one aspect of the Roman Saturnalia, a riotous week during which all social conventions were relaxed and dissolved into frivolity. Every citizen then expected to get presents from all his friends, and the plutocrat's poor clients give gifts they could ill afford—more often than not, no doubt, in the hopes of being remembered in his will.

Hongkong has supported generously during the past year the various organisations that are an outgrowth of the wars on two continents, and there is cause for satisfaction in noting the announcement earlier this week that the British War Organisation Fund now exceeds three lakhs.

At the same time, it is no disloyal or unworthy question to ask at this Season of Goodwill whether we are not forgetting that charity also begins at home; that in this Colony we have several organisations, living by hand-to-mouth even before the war in China and the war in Europe drained much of their revenue—a revenue upon whom life itself verily depends.

One such organisation is the Society for the Protection of Children. We gave publicity to its annual report a few days ago; noted that the income of the families of those whom it is supporting is lowering than at any other period in its history; noted further that but for the generosity of an anonymous contributor, there would have been a heart-breaking deficit of some seven or eight hundred dollars.

This Society cannot distribute Christmas cheer to the people for whom it cares. It has, indeed, insufficient revenue to save the lives of any but the families whose income averages less than \$1.76 per month. It would be impossible to compute the number of infant lives the S.P.C. has saved with its milk and broths during the years of its existence. Even more impossible to compute are the number of lives

CHRISTMAS IN FINLAND

TRUDA PANET, A Hongkong lady who spent several years in Finland, tells "Telegraph" readers of Christmas in the land victimised by Russia.

DECEMBER 1 is called "Little Christmas" in Finland and a sort of minor Christmas spirit reigns from that date right through the month, till, when at last the 25th comes, one is tired out by the strain of keeping up, for so long, the festive atmosphere becoming the season.

Tired out, that is, if one is a foreigner. The Finns, like Germans and Scandinavians, love Christmas time so much that it is almost impossible for them to feel that it can be overcelebrated.

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SHOULD snow fall in December in Helsingfors, the charm of the scene of the market place can only be described by that hackneyed phrase... "like an old-fashioned Christmas card."

The harbour is blotted out by a forest of fir trees that have been brought by sledge and boat to be bought by the townspeople. The stalls are decorated with coloured paper and bunting. Gay balloons hover overhead. The sun—though at this time of year it climbs scarcely higher than the roofs of the houses, does not rise till 11 o'clock and sets promptly at 3—glitters during its short workday, on the snowy roofs and trees.

Faces, whipped to red by the cold, smile out of fur caps and collars. The noisy cobbles are stilled by snow. No sound of traffic jars the ears. The jangle of sleigh bells and the hissing rattle of tyre chains are the only warnings of its presence in the streets. Car drivers are never, except in a case of emergency, allowed to use their horns in Helsingfors, and the quiet is restful and most pleasant.

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EVERY family in the town is buying its Christmas trees. The poorer people carry theirs away themselves, father carrying the thicker end of the trunk, mother and children, beaming and gleeful, supporting the branches. The pavements are a tangle of pedestrians and horizontal trees. Richer families hire a droshky or sleigh and troop proudly off holding an enormous tree upright over their heads.

Arrived at home, the fir tree is set in a stand in a favoured corner of the house and then decorated. Coloured candles, silver tinsel, tiny white-balls, bright festoons of paper are draped over it and sweets and tiny presents labelled with the name of the recipient are hung on every twig. Bigger presents are draped round the foot. Then, for the two or three days that remain before Christmas Eve, the tree is gazed upon. The candles are lit, other lights in the room are extinguished, and an admiring crowd stare at the little points of lights till their eyes are tired and strained. What hurt looks the forefinger receives, if she like me, turns away to rest her eyes too soon.

Christmas Day itself is a Sabbath to be kept in quiet and seclusion. All the festivities take place on Christmas Eve. All day long people pay brief visits to one another, carrying little presents and admiring their friends' decorated trees. Then between three and five o'clock the Christmas dinner is served on a table decorated with red wooden triple candlesticks.

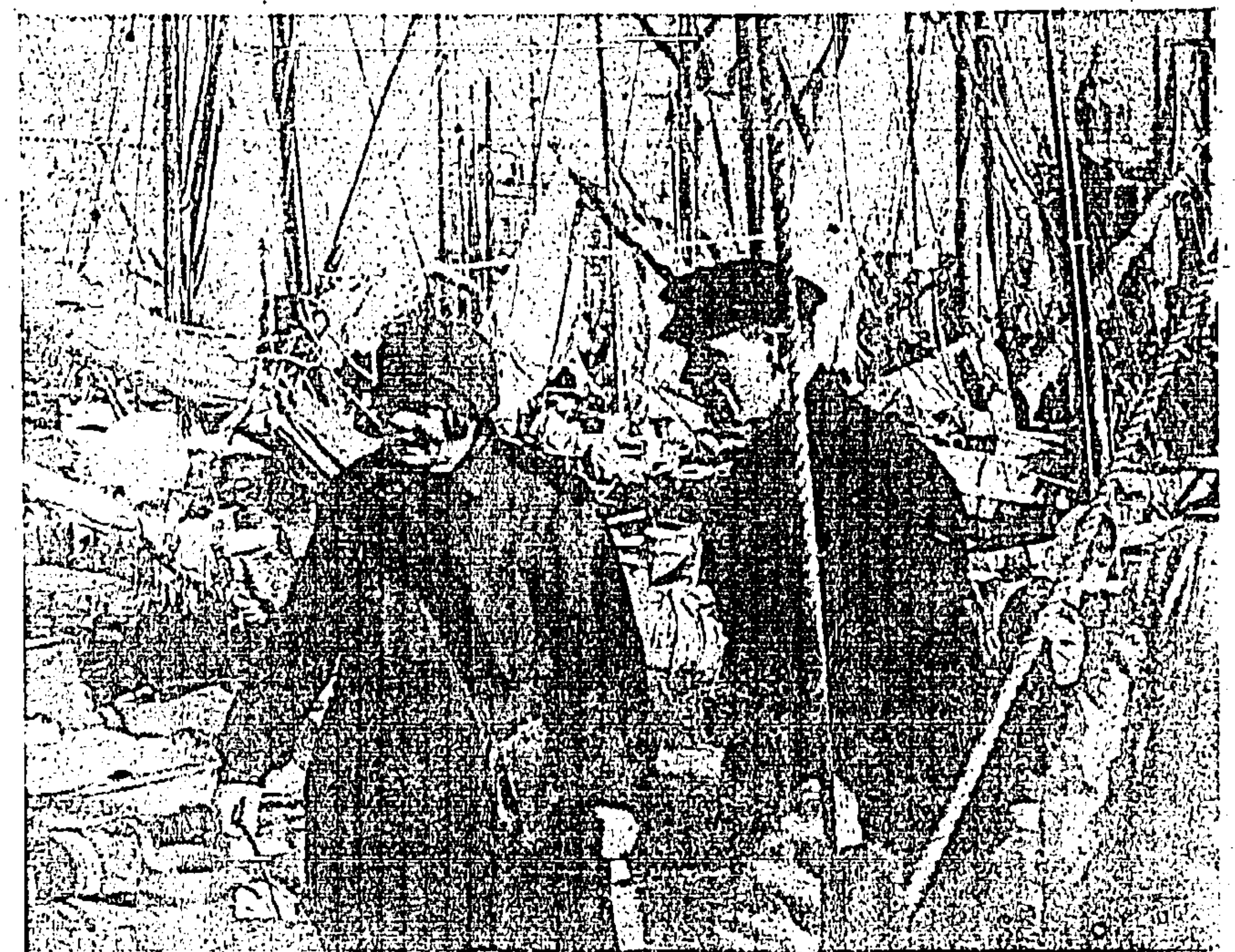
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TO US, it seems a strange meal, but like ours, it is founded on old traditions handed down from generation to generation. First comes "lut-fisk" a sort of ling caught in the summer, dried, and soaked in water two or three days before cooking. It is slightly glutinous, and eaten with white sauce. Then a hot delicious ham, served with prunes, which bring out its flavour wonderfully, French mustard and boiled potatoes. Next is a dish of rice, plain, boiled rice,

that have been sacrificed in this Colony where one of every three infants born dies on the altar of poverty and malnutrition before it attains the age of twelve months—sacrificed for want of the nourishing foods the S.P.C. is forced so sparingly to distribute because of lack of funds.

Particularly at this season, when we commemorate the birth of an Infant, we should remember that all creature comforts are divine gifts and should be shared with our less fortunate neighbours.

We should never be permitted to forget the sacred significance of the festival which commemorates the most wonderful event in the world's history.



made more palatable by powdered cinnamon. In the dish, however large, is one single almond embedded. Whoever is fortunate enough to find that in his helping will be lucky for a whole year after. The last course consists of special three-cornered jam tarts of puff pastry.

After dinner, toasts and speeches come the great moment of opening the presents. One by one the parcels from around the tree are given out and everyone watches the lucky recipient open it. Not till it has been admired by all in the next parcel handed over—the enjoyment is prolonged for all. Sometimes the door is opened surreptitiously and a

large parcel slides across the polished floor, propelled by an unseen hand. It is all most simple and enjoyable. Grown ups and children alike experience the same thrill and pleasure. Next day, Christmas Day, is spent in church-going and quiet family gatherings, and it is not until Boxing Day, as we call it, that parties are in full swing.

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THE Christmas tree still retains its place of honour in the house. Every night that the family spends at home it is illuminated and gazed at. Then, on Twelfth Night, it is the centre of the last sad ceremony. All

its illuminations and decorations are floor, propelled by an unseen hand, stripped off and the family join hands and sing songs of farewell walking round and round the bare branches, rather brown and withered now. Regretfully, the servants remove it to be burnt, and then and only then, is the end of the long Christmas season in sight.

So the shortest, darkest days of the long Finnish winter are tidied over. After the New Year the days grow longer with such seeming rapidity that the coming of Spring, though still nearly five months ahead, seems within our grasp, so to speak, and the winter days, with their longer hours of sunshine grow pleasanter every week.

SONGS THAT HAIL CHRISTMAS

Interesting Facts About Carols

WHO sang the first Christmas carol? Properly speaking, it was sung by the angels whose voices filled the midnight air with music, when the shepherds arrived at the stable where lay the new-born King: "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace to men of goodwill."

If, however, as it is believed, the word carol signified originally a dance-song, in which the participants moved in unison, while a leader sang the verses and the company joined in chorus, we must seek later origin.

Before the establishment of the police force in England, watchmen or "waits" were employed in every city to guard property. It was their duty to sound a horn or ring a bell every hour to let the citizens know all was well.

In the eighteenth century it became the custom for those men to play complete tunes on their instruments at Christmas time, and to call at each house on Christmas morning to collect money and presents from the people.

The year 1829, however, saw the establishment of the police force by Peel, and the ordinary individuals played and sang in place of the redundant watchmen. This was the origin of the Christmas "waits."

Of Portuguese Origin

That most beautiful carol, the *Adeste Fideles*, which enjoys international and deathless popularity, is everywhere called the "Portuguese" hymn. By analogy with the "Sicilian Mariners' Air" it used to be sufficient to say that it was the most precious song of the Portuguese sailor. This

reference was dropped when Mr. Ward, Bishop of Brentwood, proved that the carol was sung in English-speaking countries for the first time at the Portuguese Embassy Chapel, in South Street, Victoria, London.

In 1808, when Vincent Novello became organist there, he found the carol or hymn (at the time Christmas carols were unknown) and ascribed it to the seventeenth century John Reading, of the Chapel Royal.

As the leading figure of an extensive musical circle, Novello was able to popularise the tune in London and to make it known all over Europe and the States.

Many airs emanated from the Portuguese Embassy, yet the *Adeste* alone acquired the appellation "Portuguese." Why?

The truth is, the composer, Marcus Antonio, hailed from Portugal. Born in Lisbon in 1762, he completed his apprenticeship in his native city and became a prominent official of the Opera of Madrid. Here he completed his masterpiece, *Speranza*, from which the Portuguese national anthem is derived.

The *Adeste*, it is thought, was written about 1778. The author's intimate connection with various Continental Embassies facilitated the dispersion of the hymn among Latin nations east and west, and via London throughout the rest of the civilised world.

Through carols the Christmas spirit adds a new ecstasy to existence, awakes to life the consciousness of every source of delight as in "The Holly and the Ivy":

"The rising of the sun,
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir."

The carol dances joyfully through the Christmas story, a song of jubilation, for the tidings are of comfort, raising hearts spontaneously to heights where sorrows are forgotten. How Singing Saved a Town

There is a story told of how a carol saved the old town of Eldore. It happened on Christmas Eve in days when persecution swept over one-time Merrie England. Word had been received that the fanatical Puritans were coming to tear down everything that savoured of the holy season.

Children ran weeping to the arms of their mothers, all but one little choir boy who had been so busy with one thing and another that he had not heard the news, or if he heard, did not comprehend it.

As usual, he went to his place in the choir stalls of the old church for the Christmas carols practice which PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"You don't have to make a scene—I only called him 'Darling' because I couldn't remember his name."

SANTA'S BAG IS EMPTY IN POLAND

WARSAW'S Christmas this year is a grim one. While the rest of the world are feasting her civil population are in want of almost every essential human need.

There is no heating. There is little food. The daily ration works out at about two ounces a head. There is no tobacco. There are no cigarettes. None of these has been on sale for months. Poles are heavy smokers, and would be content to smoke herbs or weeds, or even chopped potato peel, but even these are scarce.

There is no such thing as wine. But the saddest angle of the situation is that the children's milk supply has been reduced.

There is no oil with which to cook the small rations of peas, beans and lentils issued three weekly. But Warsaw's people have not yet lost their sense of humour, although their increasing hardships have made great inroads on their traditional optimism. The Polish people is enduring will never be fully realised by the outside world. On top of all the hardships there is, of course, the constant danger to life because of the frequent shelling of the city.

Meat is unobtainable. Some institutions are arranging special entertainments for children, but there will be no Christmas trees. The toyshops are practically empty. Santa Claus need not call here. There is nothing to put in his bag.

ITALY

Fish Feast Round Yule Log

With a soft wind and rain. Reminds like having the warmest Christmas of any place in Europe. In Italy Christmas celebrations are divided into two parts—those for the grown-ups held on Christmas Eve and those for the children on Twelfth Night.

Christmas Eve, like Christmas Day in England, is chiefly a festival of eating, but as it is a fast day in the Catholic Church there are no turkey or other fowls, nor are there any plum puddings.

The place of the turkey is taken by fish prepared in an infinite number of ways and eaten with a cake made of cornflour, while the place of pudding is taken by toffee made of almonds and honey. These delicacies are eaten around a burning Yule log.

ARGENTINA

Argentina is celebrating Christmas with a temperature ranging from 94 to 104 degrees, but the usual festivities will take place though in many cases turkey and plum-pudding are eaten at 10.30 p.m. on Boxing Day.

Riverside and seaside resorts are packed by people escaping the torrid heat of the cities. Innumerable dances are scheduled in Buenos Ayres; the proprietors of air-conditioned saloons reaping a harvest.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: Market ruled very quiet but steady with business done in Banks at \$1,340 and Wharves at \$102.

Buyers

H.K. Banks \$1,335
Union Ins. \$400
Wharves \$101½
Star Ferries \$66
Yamahi Ferries \$23½
China Lights (Old) \$8.16
China Lights (New) \$5
Electricity \$23
Cement \$19½
Dairy Farms (Old) \$20¾
Dairy Farms (New) \$20¼
Entertainments \$0.00
Constructions (Old) \$1¾
Sellers

H. & S. Hotels \$5.15

Land \$4
Telephones (Old) \$25
Cement \$10¾
Watsons \$0.05

Sales

H.K. Banks \$1,340
Land \$4
Telephones (Old) \$25
Cement \$10¾
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CHRISTMAS ROUND THE WORLD

FROM all parts of the globe are gathered on this page messages from correspondents telling how Christmas is being celebrated the world over.

In war-ridden Europe, in the peace of the snow-clad slopes of Norway and Sweden, on the crowded beaches of sun-drenched Australia—everywhere, in fact, where conditions and peoples contrast in manner and environment—thoughts will turn to the traditions of Bethlehem.

Even the Nazis have failed to pervert Christmas, most Germans will celebrate in the old way with its religious significance.

GERMANY

MAJORITY DEFIES NAZI PAGANISM AND CELEBRATES

BERLIN.

DESPITE official discouragement, nine out of ten homes in Germany will celebrate Christmas Eve in traditional manner.

Children will wait in the darkness to be led into the room where the Christmas tree stands blazing with candles, presents piled high beneath it and, in a corner, a manger with farm animals around it and Mary nursing the Christ-child.

For the first time in many years some homes in Berlin will be without trees. The masses of Christmas trees piled at street corners have all been sold and no more are to be obtained—not that there is a shortage of trees, but because of the mysterious lack of railway trucks, which have also left many families without coal and firewood for the festive season.

All efforts of the Nazis to substitute the pagan Solstice feast for Christmas and de-Christianise the festival have failed; and from early morning onwards all churches will be overflowing to-morrow and on Christmas Day.

AUSTRALIA

100 In The Shade, Beaches Packed

Despite the drought in Victoria, the most severe for many years, Melbourne is enjoying a brilliant Christmas sunshiny. Resorts are crowded and beaches are packed with swimmers and holiday-makers.

Sheffield Shield cricket is progressing on the historic Melbourne ground with Victorian and New South Wales Test players holding the stage.

Shopkeepers report a tremendous buying boom and despite temperatures nearing the 100 mark the poultry market has sold out of turkeys.

Race meetings will be held throughout the State.

HOLLAND

Christmas trees will be illuminated in many homes to-morrow night, and there will be carol-singing, bun-fests and dinners of rolled beef.

Thousands are making it a skating holiday on the frozen canals.

INDIA

Bombay is celebrating in balmy weather with bright sunshine, which is drawing holiday-makers to the open-air. Some favoured mortals, with several days leave, have departed for a week's cruise to Ceylon.

Others are going up country to camp in rural spots and indulge in the sport of "shikar," duck and deer shooting. Many spend the days picnicking and swimming or playing tennis or golf.

HUNGARY

The usual Christmas rush is much less noticeable this year in Budapest than in other years. The big changes in politics bear on the public mind.

JAPAN

Order For Economy

Owing to the national emergency, the rising cost of living and the fact that the Japanese Government has stressed the need for economy, normal Christmas celebrations in Tokyo will be confined to the foreign community.

Most of the foreigners will celebrate the festival quietly in their own homes. Some of the younger set, however, are spending the holiday skidding in the nearby mountain resorts.

Large loads of pine trees and bamboo are coming into the city, but these are only required for the 900-year-old custom of decorating the New Year. Money is plentiful in Tokyo, but officialdom is frowning on extravagant celebrations and gifts.

NORWAY

Eating, Skating, Skiing

Christmas divides Oslo's population into two groups. One leaves the city for an old-fashioned Christmas in the country. The other stays at home. Family feasts will be the order of the day, with plenty of ski-ing and skating.

A LOOK AT THE COLONY'S SHOPS

CHRISTMAS shoppers, so intent on their job, are a Christmas entertainment.

A reporter took a stand for an hour in each of four big Hongkong stores, observing shoppers.

Later, the results were tabulated.

1. Nine out of ten were women.
 2. One-third were accompanied, chiefly by women; sometimes by children; rarely by men.
 3. Not one man was accompanied by another.
 4. Only one shopper in 20 carried a parcel.
- Conversation was practically nil.

It is only when you settle down to exact observation that you realise what a strong silent Englishwoman the Hongkong shopper can be.

Price, First And Last

Here are typical specimens of shoppers' talk:

- "How much?"
- "Perfectly sweet."
- "No, not stripes."
- "Is it British made?"
- "Thank you."

Woman's buying technique is entirely different from man's. Women approach the goods first and look for the price label; men approach the assistant and ask the price after they have made their selection.

Mirror Lure

The time element, with men was a mere fraction compared with women. One woman, an extreme example, took 25 minutes to select a \$5 scarf. The quickest purchase by a man was a woman's \$50 dressing-case in 3½ minutes.

Men walked in the centre of the aisle. Women edged along the counters examining as they went.

At one counter containing comb, brush and mirror, one woman in every three picked up one of the mirrors and had a good look at her face.

A Note On Notes

Among 30 enquiries made six were for the book department, 19 for the toys, three for linens, and two for bicycles.

The six for the book department were all made by young people.

Most shoppers seemed to know what they wanted, and to carry the knowledge in their heads.

Only seven people with shopping lists were noted—four of them men.

U. S. A.

Roosevelt Will Hang Stocking

America will spend Christmas convinced she has once more climbed from depression and is on the road to prosperity—if the world will keep from war.

President Roosevelt is holding a big family party at the White House, and Mrs. Roosevelt has announced that his stocking will certainly be hung up.

Snow was falling in New York last night as crowds of last-minute shoppers thronged the streets. Huge lighted Christmas trees reared from amid traffic in public squares.

Broadway has two brilliantly lighted trees erected by the City Council and the one at Rockefeller Centre is 70 ft. high. At some trees money for refugees from Germany, Spain, and China clicks into collectors' boxes.

Travelling stages bear through the streets Federal Theatre groups playing the Nativity and singing carols.

BELGIUM

Christmas celebrations throughout Belgium are less a family affair than in Britain. Parents and friends assemble in noted restaurants and eat special food and sitting at the table from 8 p.m. till 4 or 5 a.m., interrupting the meal to attend mid-night Mass.

RUSSIA

ON one-sixth of the earth's surface only a handful of diplomats and foreigners will celebrate Christmas, while 100,000,000 Russians will allow the day of rejoicing for the rest of the world to pass without notice.

In the Red capital, once famed for "forty times forty" churches, no bells will ring.

In industrial centres 25,000,000 workers will man factories as usual, while in the countryside millions of children will go to school as on an ordinary day.

But the indifference is largely deceptive, since the Russian-orthodox Christmas falls on January 7, and

Finland Will Be Unhappy

THERE will be not much happiness in war-torn Finland this Christmas. But, despite the Red menace, traditional family feast on Christmas Day will still be observed.

Gifts For Troops

Presents will be distributed to the Finnish troops in the trenches. The soldiers will get tobacco and food from special funds.

In accordance with the government's wish, the citizens will spend Christmas in the traditional manner.

Shops are selling large quantities of sweetmeats and turkeys. Money given by the public for hampers for the soldiers this year total a considerable sum and \$100,000 subscribed by American sympathisers will be distributed to civilian sufferers.

At devoted family gatherings there will be distribution of presents on Christmas Day, when a visit to church is followed by the traditional spartan meal of cured fish, ham and rice pudding.

It is customary to send baskets of fresh flowers to one's best friends.

SWEDEN

SWEDISH are spending their usual quiet Christmas watching for snow for ski-ing. The Premier, like many people, will eat his Christmas ham in a small villa in a garden suburb, and will distribute Christmas boxes to his children and grand-children from a Christmas tree.

The royal family is gathered at Castle Drottningholm, outside Stockholm, and the King will have his usual Christmas eve tennis hour.

In the provinces sleighs with bells and torches are now replaced by less romantic cars.

SONGS THAT HAIL CHRISTMAS

(Continued from Page 6.)

were to greet the blessed morning. Wondering why the starlight had failed to do so, he lighted the candles himself.

UP the road marched the round-headed host, silent, stern, and determined to make havoc of those they called idol-loving heathens. As they came in sight of the church, its lights flashed out over the snow and stirred them to fresh anger.

"Death to these Papists!" exclaimed the leader, rushing up to the door.

The Charm of a Boy's Voice

But there was no enemy to slay—only a fair-haired lad who was singing a carol.

When he ended, there was a strange sight; every armed man had bared his head and fallen upon his knees. Then all silently departed. The boy had not even seen them!

But soon he grew tired of waiting for the other singers and left for home, wondering if the Christ Child would know that he had tried to sing his best; wondering why the others had not come; and wondering, also, why the snow was tramped down and why there were so many footprints about the church door.

He did not know that he was, himself, mistaken for the Christ Child.

MAY NEVIN.

Masses, which are sung in all churches.

Ex-Servicemen have given the young Prince Albert a beautiful silk decorated casket containing Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs as a Christmas present.

Ypres children will find special cakes in their beds when they awake on Christmas Day. The cake is called Flemish Engeltjeschoek meaning "angel-cake."

hundreds of thousands of people are buying the recently sanctioned yolks or New Year's trees, while the factories are pouring out upwards of 50,000,000 roubles worth of tin and silver baubles for stores in cities and remote hamlets.

From forest regions hundreds of car-loads of yolks are moving into the central Asia republic.

Although the pre-revolutionary end-of-the-year holiday cheer in Russia is predominantly atheist Soviet Russia constitutes a civil holiday, with only scattered religious services in a dwindling number of churches and in the privacy of homes of die-hards.

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TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT PROPOSAL

Suggested Substitute For The Navy: Sappers Gain Another Victory

WITH REFERENCE to the Triangular Tournament, I suggested a few weeks ago that a team from the H.K.H.A. might be substituted for the Royal Navy who are not participating this season. A further proposal has reached me from a Military source, suggesting that the Army be permitted to field two separate teams—one of Indians and the other of Europeans—instead of a mixed team as at present.

This, I think, is a brilliant suggestion, as the combined Army would be too strong a team for the Hongkong Club or the Association, and I would draw the attention of the Triangular Tournament Committee to consider the matter.

The games, if staged, should prove most interesting.

IN their League encounter at King's Park last Saturday, St. Andrew's could only draw 1-1 with the Hongkong Ladies. The failure of both sides to score more goals was due to the inability of the players to control the ball on a very bumpy surface.

Though the Saints scored first through Miss H. Reid, their attack was never too impressive. Miss F. Wong, on the right wing, was the best forward on view, but her brilliant centres often went begging as the others in the attack were never up to intercept them.

The defence, however, was resolute, and none did better than Miss J. Wong, at centre half, whose first-time tackling and hard clearances, at times, completely subdued the Hongkong attack.

Miss West, at right half, gave an improved display, and Miss G. White, right back, was also prominent. I was very surprised at the poor form of Miss M. Teza, the left back. In the last two matches she has given her partner very poor support, I do hope her lack of concentration improves in the games to follow. Mrs. P. Bliss made a welcome return as a leader, and should recover her old form after a game or two.

IN the first half, Hongkong Ladies showed their rival forwards how to give and take passes; their work for at least 20 minutes being an object lesson to their opponents. But Miss M. Smalley, Miss M. Booker and Mrs. Dalziel were weak in the circle, and several scoring opportunities were missed.

Miss G. Marr, however, on the right wing, was persistent and made many good runs and centres. Miss M. Booker did well to equalise through one of these right flank runs in the second half.

The halves worked hard, with Mrs. Skinner being the most effective in the centre. Miss E. Gray was again sound at full back, and always seemed to have the whip hand of the Saints' attack; her partner was also conspicuous with her hard hitting. Miss S. Baskett played a useful game in goal.

A draw was a fair result, and though a bumpy pitch prevented any real possibility of good hockey, a team game ensued.

IN their tournament fixture against the Nomads last Sunday morning, C.B.A. were again in brilliant form to win 7-1. Once the home players had realised the perils of the very bumpy pitch, they settled down to make further progress at least as convincingly as the margin of seven goals to one in their favour suggests.

Leading by a goal scored by S. A. Fowler in the first half, C.B.A. ceased to put themselves into a comfortable position in the second half, after several positional changes were made. G. Fowler led the attack with Sydney and Ernie on either side of him, D. Smith and J. King being the respective wingers.

N. Whitley, from left half, relieved G. Fowler at centre half. The forwards were fed persistently, and they responded in magnificent style. V. Bond scored from a penalty corner, and E. Fowler added the third. After a solo effort on the left wing, King scored the fourth and S. A. Fowler followed with the fifth.

Five goals ahead, C.B.A. eased up a bit, but a goal to the Nomads merely acted as a tonic to the home team, and they came back to increase their lead with goals by Sydney and George Fowler.

Praise must also be given to the defence, and in particular to J. T. K. Gilchrist and V. Bond, the backs, who defended very well indeed.

NOMADS started well, and for the first fifteen minutes their forwards gave the C.B.A. defence something to think about. They had so much of the game during the first half that at half time they should have held a comfortable lead, but instead were in arrears.

R. J. Reed, as pivot, worked like a Trojan, and during the latter stages

NAVY XV BEAT CLUB "A"



The Royal Engineers beat the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by 4-1 in a Hongkong Hockey Association tournament match at Sookunpoo on Tuesday, and are now at the head of the Tournament table. — Ming Yuen.

CHIU-GRIFFITHS ENTER DOUBLES SEMI-FINAL

MRS. CHIU CHUN-CHIU and Miss Madge Griffiths, favourites for the Colony women's double tennis championship, entered the semi-final round yesterday when they eliminated Mrs. O. Burnett and Miss V. Bradbury by 6-1, 6-1 at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

Two singles matches were also played, Miss J. Reve beating Mrs. N. W. Smeby 6-2, 6-3, and Miss M. Stokes beating Mrs. Hyde 7-5, 6-1.

CHARITY SOCCER SIDES

Portugal To Meet China At Sookunpoo

Portugal will meet China, in what promises to be the best match in the International Charity Cup series, at the Sookunpoo ground on Monday at 3.30 p.m.

Portugal's team will be selected on the ground, but the following have been invited to attend.

R. Marques (St. Joseph's); C. Marques (St. Joseph's); D. Alves (St. Joseph's); N. Delgado (International); J. Pereira (St. Joseph's); T. Castilho (St. Joseph's); A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's); B. T. Gosano (St. Joseph's); J. Gomes (Electric); A. Alves (St. Joseph's); R. Ribeiro (St. Joseph's); C. Fernandes (International); R. Rocha (International); H. Campos (International) and C. Santos (Kowloon).

Portugal's players are requested to report to A. V. Gosano at the dressing room not later than 3.15 p.m.

CHINA'S ELEVEN
China's team has been selected: Tam Kwan-keon (S.C.A.); Lee Tin-sang (S.C.A.); and Mak Shu-hon (S.C.A.); Hsu King-cheng (Eastern); Leung Wing-chiu (S.C.A.) and Lau Hing-chol (S.C.A.); Yung Shu-yick (S.C.B.); Fung King-chung (S.C.A.); Chan Tak-fai (S.C.A.); Chow Man-chi (Kwong Wah) and Ip Pak-wa (S.C.A.).

Reserves—Cheuk Shai-kam, Tam Kam-hung, Hoi Yung-sang, Lau Hin-hon, Tsang Chung-wan, Lai Chiu-tan, Law Wai-kuen, Chung Yung-sum and Chang Ching-hai.

Leung Wing-chiu has been elected captain, while Mr. Walter Hamming Chen will manage the team.

Notable absences are Lee Wai-tong, who is on the injured list, and Hau Ching-to, Interport and Eastern left-winger, who has been passed over for Ip Pak-wa, South China and Interport star.

Army Boxing
Middlesex Novices' Tournament

FURTHER BOUTS in the Middlesex Regiment Novices Inter-Company boxing tournament were fought yesterday evening at Nanking Barracks, Shumshuipo. Enthusiasm was unabated, and boxers of all weights thoroughly mixed it. The results were:

Feather weight—Pte. Macey (C) lost to Pte. Bolam (HQ); Pte. Bradford (HQ) beat L/C. Barrett (B);
Bantam weight—Pte. Tait (B) lost to Pte. Dewbury (HQ);
Heavy weight—Pte. Driddle (C) beat Pte. Flood (HQ);
Light weight—Pte. Revell (HQ) beat Pte. Webb (A);
Middle weight—L/C. Wooley (HQ) lost to Cpl. Manning (B); Pte. Marable (A) lost to L/C. Wilson (HQ); Pte. Fredman (B) beat Pte. (C);
Welter weight—Pte. Robinson (D) beat L/C. Shaw (C); Pte. Baker (B) beat Pte. Hogg (HQ); A/Bs. Nix (HQ) beat L/C. Colebeck (C); L/C. Weaver (B) lost to Pte. Cohen (A);
Light weight—Pte. Whitehouse (A) lost to L/C. Williams (HQ); Pte. Ramola (A) gave walk over to A/Cpl. Miller (HQ); Dmr. Greenhill (HQ) beat Pte. Day (A).

Decided Improvement In Play

(By "Fly-half")

YESTERDAY evening at the Club ground, a Navy team defeated Club "A" by eleven points (a goal and two tries) to nine (three tries) in a game in which the back divisions were given the ball and made good use of it. It was a decided improvement on the scrappy "A" matches of late.

Navy fielded a strong side which included a few of the 1st XV players, and credit is due to the Club players who stuck to their task manfully.

Five minutes after the kick-off, O'Riordan left Club standing when he dashed over for a try which was converted by King. Roscoe, in a forward rush, went over for Club's reply, which, however, was not converted, Stout falling with the kick.

Later Roscoe left the field and took no further part in the game, having sustained what appeared to be a sprained ankle.

CLUB LEAD

After the interval, Nelson scored another converted try for the Club, to give them a one point lead. Navy came back strongly, and Wilson, playing on the wing for Navy, broke through to touch-down. King failed to improve on the points.

This was followed by another Navy try, this time scored by Barlow. King again failed to convert. Club did not give up, and placed themselves in a position to draw when Carruthers scored a try. The valuable two extra points were not gathered, for the attempt to convert made by Richardson failed.

Cricket

C.B.S. Draw With R.A.M.C.

A drawn game of cricket was played between the Central British School and the Royal Army Medical Corps on the school ground yesterday.

Q. M. S. Patterson was undefeated with 72, which included 12 boundaries, when the Medical side declared at 149 for 6 wickets. For the School-boys, only W. G. Pryde was able to stay, and he scored 59, including ten boundaries, before being bowled.

The scores were:
R.A.M.C.—140 for 6 declared (Q.M.S. Patterson 72 not out, Cpl. Weller 30).
C.B.S.—119 for 8 (W.G. Pryde 59, A. W. Brown 17).

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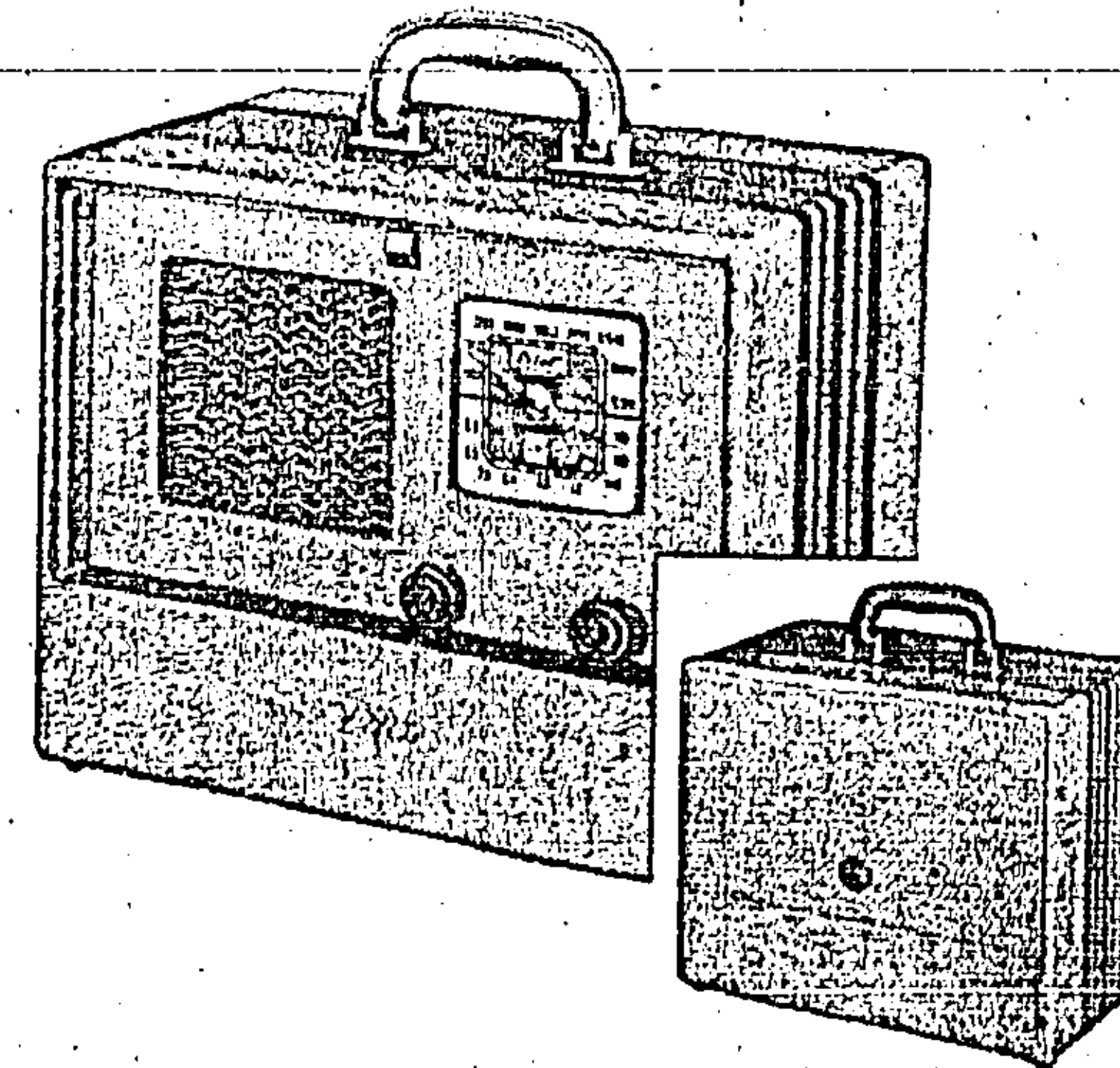
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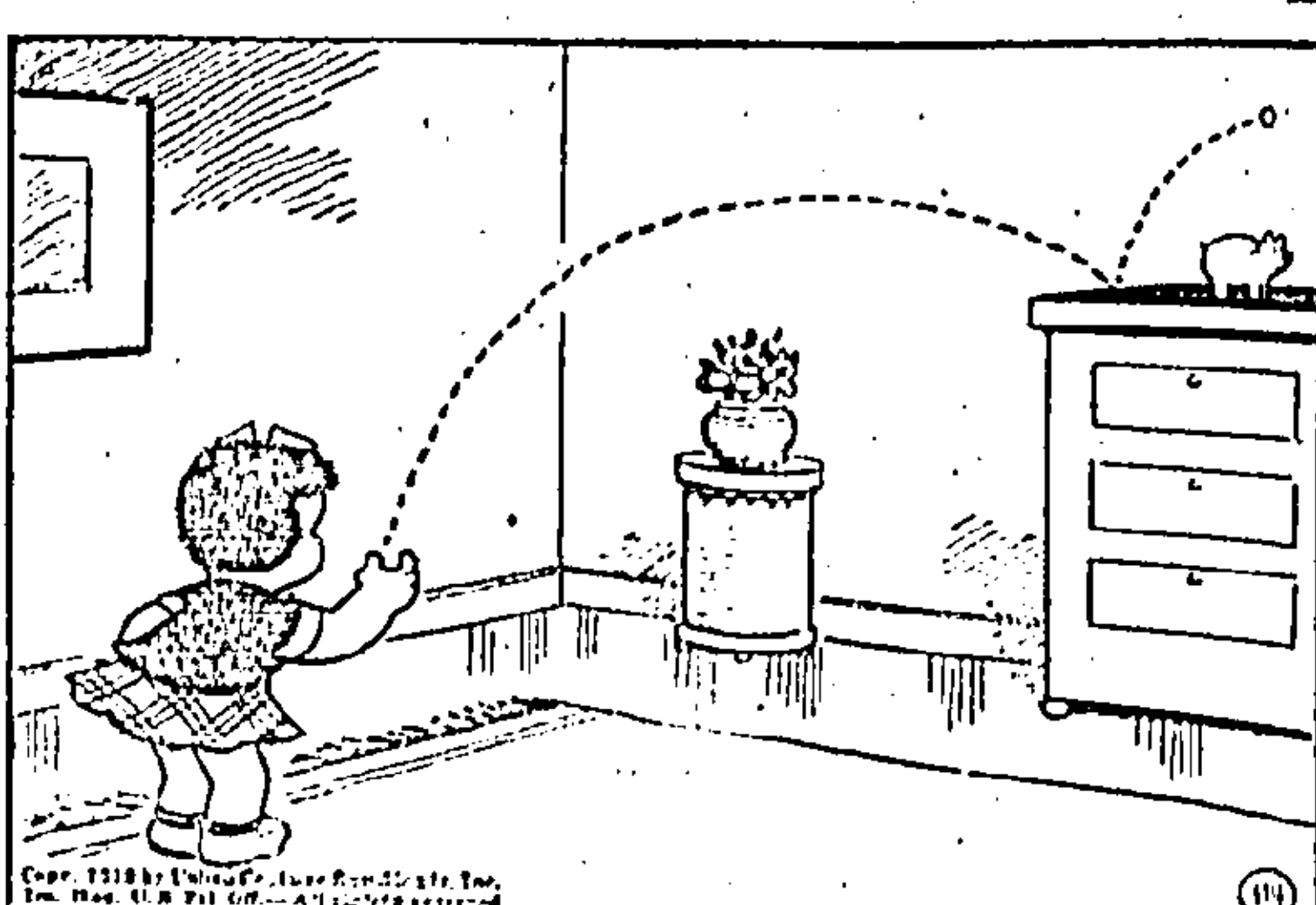
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NANCY



Opening Of Yangtse

NO NEED TO JUMP TO JOYFUL CONCLUSION

Shanghai, Dec. 20.

"This is not the time for foreign traders and foreign Powers to jump to any joyful conclusion over Japan's announcement of the re-opening of a section of the Yangtse to shipping," states the *China Press* in a strong leader on the subject.

The paper declares it is evident that the announcement to re-open the river was a political move designed to placate foreign Powers, especially the United States. The declarations of impending partial removal of the shipping restrictions are timed precisely at a moment when Japan's stipulations believe that an eleventh hour change in sentiment in the United States might save her trade treaty. Such a desire on the part of Japan is to be welcomed, but the ultimate usefulness is dependent upon the practical measures to be taken to remove the restrictions.

The announcement clearly indicates that Japan intends to allow third Power ships to navigate the Yangtse provided that the foreigners "behave." The right to navigate the Yangtse which third Powers possess by virtue of international treaties is thus being passed out by Japan as a measure of Japanese generosity. If the foreign nations are to continue their trade in China, they must and can only trade by virtue of their treaty rights.

The paper concludes that in their interests the businesses cannot long survive if they are to be made dependent on the caprices of Japanese generosity and Japanese grace. The foreign Powers are eager to capture the up-river trade, but wisdom dictates that they must think and look twice before they bite.—*Reuter*.

Shanghai Critical

Shanghai, Dec. 20. Foreign business circles remain skeptical in view of the vagueness of the Japanese statements on trade. It is pointed out that if restrictions follow the Manchukuo pattern trade will be entirely dependent on Japanese requirements.

Business circles pointed out the example of the Yangtse delta, where trade had been nominally possible for the past year. However, frequently the Japanese military authorities prevented landing tenders from meeting foreign ships.

They also pointed out the conditions at Tientsin, Tientsin, Swatow, and Foochow, where it is believed that there is a wider opportunity for reopening to foreign trade if the Japanese Government had desired it. A Japanese Embassy spokesman warned the American public that in the event of American reaction to Japan's proposed limited re-opening of the Yangtse being "cynical and skeptical" then "it is quite possible that an embittered Japanese public will hamper the Japanese Government in any future step in the same direction."

He said, "The manner in which you comment on this expression of the Japanese Government's goodwill and good faith in the next two or three months probably will have far-reaching effects on the restoration of normalcy in relations between the Powers in China, which reason I hope that these comments will be constructive."—*United Press*.

Threat And A Promise

Shanghai, Dec. 20. The Japanese spokesman again declined to clarify the exact nature of the future restrictions and urged third Powers, particularly the United States, to trust Japan's "goodwill and good faith."

He said he had not yet completed a study of the factors determining the restrictions, namely which goods would be helpful to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and which goods are essential to the Japanese army. The restrictions depended on the decisions of the military men on the spot, regardless of American public opinion, although he hoped that the American reaction would be favourable.

Replying to a correspondent's comment that it will be difficult for public opinion to reach a decision on the basis of the vague Japanese announcement, the spokesman said that at the present moment all in-vague for which reason preparations must be made. Only when the river is re-opened will the details be available. He was unable to predict when the river will be re-opened. The spokesman continued that the desire of the Japanese Government

LETTERS

Americanisms

To the Editor, "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—Hongkong is supposed to be a British Colony, and it is therefore with surprise, and, if I may say so without hurting the feelings of our American friends, disgust, that one appears at times to be living in an offshoot of the United States.

On all sides one hears Chinese speaking English with an American accent; no great harm in that, perhaps, but more insidious is the daily crop of American words, expressions, and spelling which appears in print.

Advertisements are largely to blame, but I am sorry to see that our daily newspapers, far from being uncorrupted in this respect, are being moulders of public opinion, they should be, are themselves almost the worst offenders.

I will name but a few examples, culled from the columns of the *Colonist's* journals during the past week or so—"Fiber," "Gasoline," "Plow"—and "Billion."

Now, Sir, to write headlines about "Twenty Billion Yen," or dollars, or what-have-you, may make impressive reading, but on delving into the smaller print one discovers that the amount in question is Twenty Thousand Million—what-nots.

It is perfectly true that a billion in America, and for that matter in France, is a thousand million, but in Great Britain it is million million, a sum a thousand times as great, and I cannot for the life of me see why we should adopt American (or even French) standards of notation.

Moreover, it is productive of misunderstanding. If you say 20 thousand million everyone knows what you mean, even though our American visitors may wonder why you don't call it 20 billion; but if you do call it 20 billion one cannot tell whether you mean American or British billions.

I do not want to start a controversy about the relative merits or superiority of British or American spelling, expressions, or notation, but since we are living in a British Colony, may I beg you, Sir, to give the lead in writing the English language in the way which is at present accepted as correct in the home of that language—England?

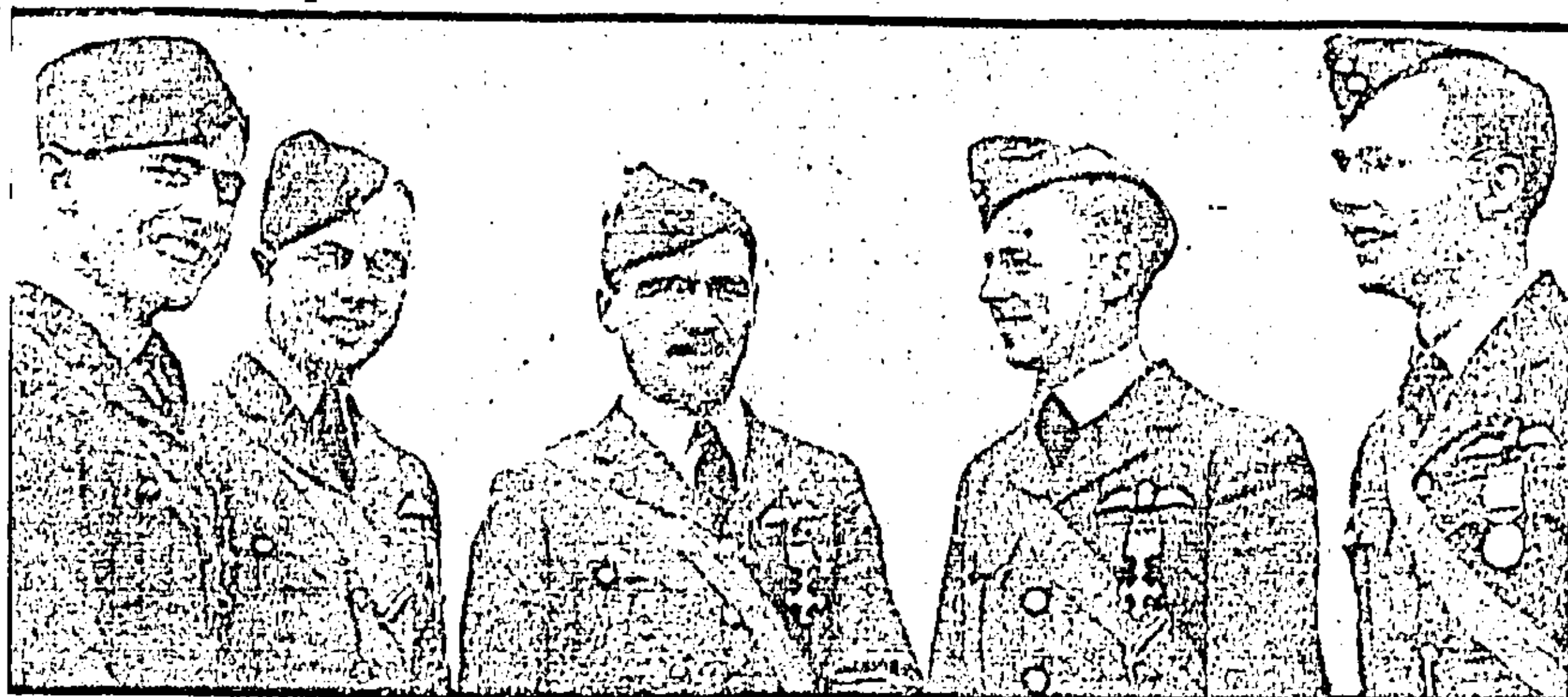
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(Oxford Dictionary defines "billion" as "10¹²," (10 million), the second power of a million. It is derived from French, which recognizes a billion as a thousand million, as do the United States, Japan, at least Australia and Canada among the British Dominions, and other countries. We do not believe it is incorrect to use the word to indicate "a thousand million" when which it is used in that sense. The "Telegraph" knows of no Hongkong newspaper intentionally using the examples of Americanisms quoted by "Briton".—Ed.

to improve relations was well known. If the re-opening of the Yangtse would contribute to an improvement, it would be a matter for gratification. However, any Government must consider public opinion, not only the Japanese but also the American, but a cynical and sceptical attitude towards this action may react on the Japanese public opinion in a most unfavourable manner which would thereupon cause the Japanese Government to consider new steps to meet such a situation.

Since this is a question of politics which will have a tendency to change daily, it would be impossible to predict the outcome. This does not signify that the Japanese Government will renege the step regarding the Yangtse below Nanking because it is believed that once the Japanese Government makes up its mind it will carry out the promise, but should the reaction to the expression of goodwill and good faith be in a cynical mood, it is quite possible that it will embitter Japanese public opinion.—*United Press*.

Five Happy Heroes Of The Air



HERE (left to right) are Flying-Officers A. McPherson, T. M. W. Smith, K. Doran and J. Barrett, who received the Distinguished Flying Cross, and Sergeant-Pilot W. E. Willis, who received the Distinguished Flying Medal.

KING DECORATES R.A.F. PILOTS

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AN R.A.F. non-commissioned officer, who became a pilot only four months ago, was presented with the Distinguished Flying Medal by the King at an acrodrome "somewhere in England"

He was 25-year-old Sergeant-Pilot William Willis.

Willis was second pilot on a reconnaissance plane which met a German flying-boat over the North Sea. The German got in the first burst of machine-gun fire.

Only two bullets hit the British plane, but one killed the pilot immediately.

CONTROLS JAMMED

He fell over the control, and the machine dived towards the sea. Willis struggled with the controls of the machine, which were jammed by the dead pilot's body.

On hands and knees he levelled out the plane, although the attack had taken place only a few hundred feet above the sea, and held it straight while his gunner and radio operator lifted the dead pilot from the seat.

By the time Willis had regained control of the machine, the flying-boat had flown away. He navigated his machine 160 miles back to its base.

His skill and presence of mind undoubtedly saved the lives of the other members of the crew and also the aircraft, the Air Ministry announced last night.

Willis joined the R.A.F. four years ago after being employed by an insurance company.

RESCUED 36

The King also presented the Distinguished Flying Cross to:—
Flying Officer (Acting Flight Lieutenant) M. W. Smith and
Flying Officer (Acting Flight Lieutenant) John Barrett (the man who rescued the crew of 36 of the torpedoed merchant ship *Kensington* in the Atlantic).

Flying Officer (Acting Flight Lieutenant) Kenneth C. Doran (who led the Kiel raid), and
Flying Officer Andrew McPherson (whose reconnaissance made the Kiel raid possible).

The King was ending a secret two-day tour of air stations in Northern England and the Midlands.

The aerodrome where the presentations were made is one from which planes have set out on raids on German naval bases and on reconnaissance flights over Germany.

It was the first time for hundreds of years that a British monarch had decorated any of his men "on the field" in his own country.

NAVAL PROMOTION

Rear Admiral R. V. Holt
Now Vice-Admiral

Shanghai, Dec. 20. British Naval Officer on the Yangtse, has been promoted to Vice-Admiral of His Majesty's Fleet, to take effect from December 15, 1939.—*Reuter*.



"Congratulations!" said the Cadets to Sergt. Willis.

OBITUARY

Connoisseur Of Arts Of China

London, Dec. 19.

The death has occurred of Mr. George Eumorfopoulos, connoisseur of Chinese art, who passed through Hongkong in March, 1935, to help select the Chinese treasures shown in the Burlington Exhibition, London, later that year. This visit to Shanghai was the collector's first sight of the land on which he was considered an expert.—*Reuter*.

George Eumorfopoulos, creator of the finest private collection of Oriental art treasures in the world, was born in Liverpool in 1863. He came of a Greek family which had long been settled in England and, while thoroughly English by education and sympathies, kept in touch with the people of his forefathers.

In addition to inheriting considerable wealth he became a member of the great merchant banking firm of Ralli Brothers, being for several years Vice-President. With sound taste and judgment he began early in life to buy specimens of Chinese and Japanese art of various periods and in 30 years had got together a collection which was the envy of all museum directors. Though money was never a bar to his acquiring anything that was for sale, it was his knowledge of the history and phases of Oriental art that guided him in his purchases and he rarely made a mistake. His collection of over 3,000 specimens was particularly rich in Chinese gold work, ceramics and sculptures of the Han, Sung and Ming dynasties. He built up also smaller collections of the glass and sculpture of the Renaissance, metal work of the best Persian periods and ceramics of received.

the Moorish occupation of Spain. In 1934 Mr. Eumorfopoulos announced that his main collection was for sale. Various circumstances, he said, forced him to take this course, although it caused him great grief. He offered to sell for £100,000, a price which experts described as ridiculously low. A movement was at once begun to acquire the collection for the nation and by January, 1935 the British Museum made the purchase.

Mr. Eumorfopoulos was a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

Many At Funeral

The large attendance of friends and relatives at the funeral of Mr. Walter Hung at the Chiu Yuen Cemetery, Mount Davis, yesterday, showed the esteem and popularity in which he was held.

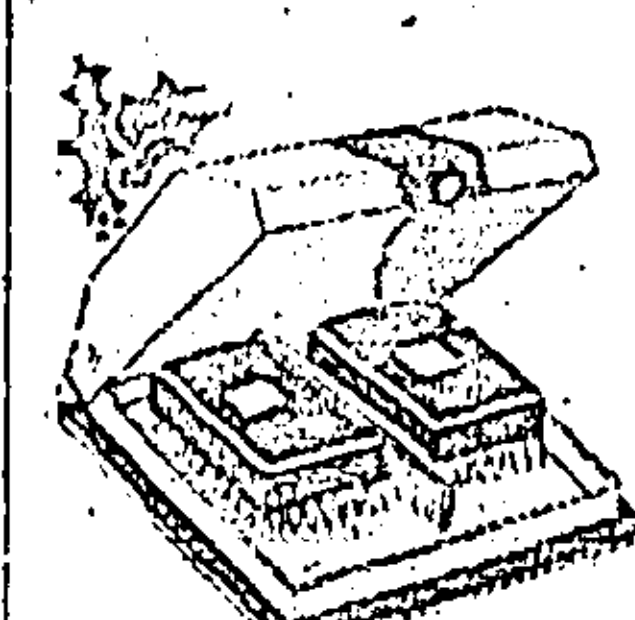
Mr. Hung was only 30 years of age, and leaves two small children, John, aged one year, and Wendy, aged three. He died from pneumonia at the Camoss Hospital on Tuesday.

Many of those present yesterday paid their last respects by making three bows before the coffin, and one to the relatives.

Besides the widow, relatives present included Sir Robert Kotewall (father-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Lee Shiu-kai, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Sui-ai (brother-in-law and sister), and Messrs. W. C. Hung, Arois Hung, C. C. Hung, H. C. Hung, Douglas Hung, H. C. Hung, and Mrs. T. F. Lo. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo, Mrs. Ho Kwong, Dr. Lau Yan-tak, Dr. D. Leung, Dr. E. S. de Souza, Dr. E. L. de Souza, Dr. Katie Woo, Dr. Chan Ping-in, Dr. Eva Hotung, Mr. and Mrs. Tung Tung-in, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lo, the Misses Kotewall.

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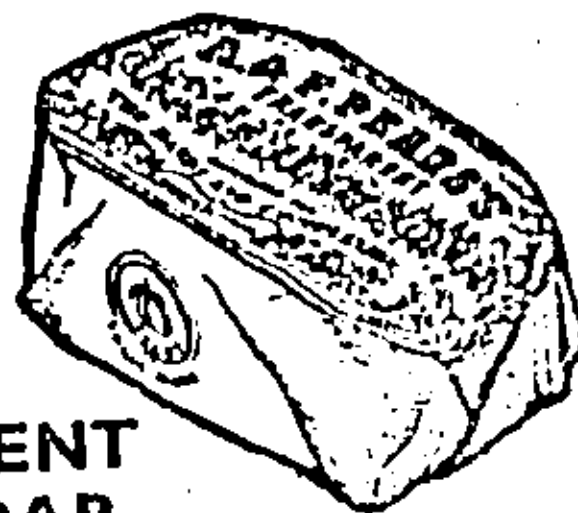


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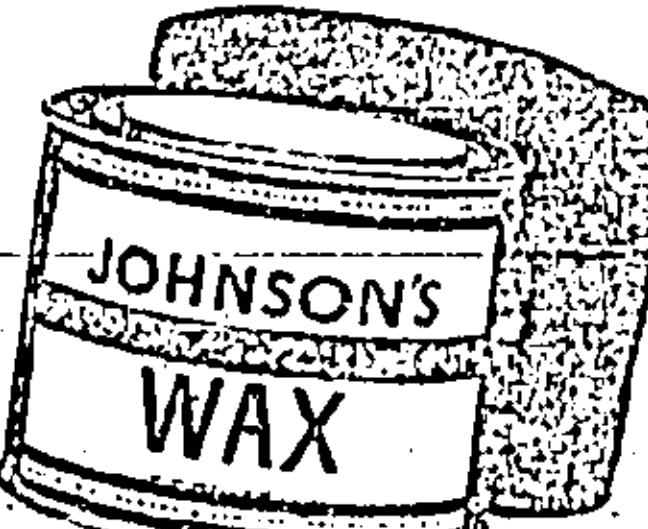


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CHRISTMAS DINNERS

THE groaning board so dear to tradition is hard to resist on Christmas Day, we'll admit. But if time or facilities or personal inclination say nay, the modern streamlined menus featured on this page lack nothing in their appeal to the eye or holiday appetite. They are designed to fit your own special requirements. I have included both old favourites and new, and leave it to you to select your own pattern.

In the feasts there is a choice of desserts, and a salad course that may or may not be served. If you choose to omit the salad at dinner, perhaps you will want to serve it as a "light something" later in the day.

SIMPLICITY is the keynote of Christmas settings this year. Large, Pattern III. Then, chill the cocktail. For fruit juice and ginger ale, prepare the moulded tomato cheese salad, and bake the Pumpkin Pie the day before. Also wash the salad greens.

Christmas Dinner III

When you are solitary cook and the living-room table must serve as a dining table.

Apricot Nectar, Lime, and
Ginger Ale Cocktail
Roast of lamb with Roasted
Potatoes and Onions
Buttered Peas and Onions
Gravy
Bread Sticks Currant Jelly
Moulded Tomato Cheese
Salad (optional)
Pumpkin Pie or
Assorted Fruits
Roasted Nuts Coffee

Christmas Dinner I

When hands and time are plentiful and the family can face a five-course dinner.

Oyster Cocktail and/or
Canned Tomato Soup with
Canned Celery Soup added
Roast Turkey Gravy
Bread Stuffing
Glazed Sweet Potatoes
Buttered Asparagus
Fruit and Olive Salad
(optional)
Heated Rolls
Steamed Pudding
With Foamy Sauce or
Spanish Cream
Coffee

usually here and there add an effective note of colour.

Nut and fruit dishes, one at each place—with a nutcracker between every two places—are made of brown blotting paper. The night before the feast fill each with the mixed nuts and put it in place, as in the picture; the next day add the grapes.

No matter which one of the four dinner patterns you select, there are a number of things you can do ahead of time, thus ensuring a holiday for yourself as well as your guests.

PREPARE AHEAD

Take Dinner Pattern No. 1 on this page as an example of this. The steamed pudding may be made in advance and then reheated in the original mould for about 1 hr. before serving. Or, if you prefer, make and steam it just before dinner. On the day before the festivities, clean, stuff and truss your turkey. Also clean the potatoes and store them in the refrigerator along with the turkey and cleaned salad greens. If Spanish Cream is your choice for dessert, make it the day before.

On Christmas morning prepare the olives and oranges for the salad and let stand in the French dressing until it is time to complete the salad. For the Glazed Sweet Potatoes—enough to serve 6—cook 8 medium-sweet potatoes until tender and drain. Combine ½ c. melted butter or margarine and 1 c. brown sugar in a saucepan. Toss the potatoes in this

Christmas Dinner II

When the entire household shares in preparation of the feast.

Grape Juice Cocktail
Potato and Celery Stuffing
Buttered Squash
Giblet Gravy
Cabbage and Raw Carrot
Baked Plum Pudding with
Ice Cream or Cream
or Fruit Ice
Coffee

mixture until well coated; then simmer over low heat until glazed.

If you're using Dinner Pattern II, clean your duck or chicken the day before the holiday. Do not stuff it, however, until just before you roast it, as the potato stuffing should be light and fluffy. Also, on the day before, steam the squash and store it covered in the refrigerator.

In serving the grape juice cocktail we suggest that you first frost the rim of the cocktail glasses. To do this, dip the top rim of each glass in lemon juice, then in granulated sugar. Chill for at least 1 hr. in the refrigerator before serving, and you have a cool frosty band around the top of each rim that will stand for some time without melting. If your dessert is Plum Pudding, bake it in same oven with duck or chicken for the last 45 minutes of the roasting period.

and store them in the refrigerator.

For the Roasted Potatoes, cook peeled white or sweet potatoes 10 min. Forty-five min. before the roast of lamb is done, arrange the potatoes around the roast and bake 40 min. or until tender, turning and basting frequently with the drippings in the pan. In preparing the Buttered Peas and Onions, cook the peas and small or sliced onions separately, then drain combine and season.

As for Dinner Pattern IV, follow this and you'll wish Christmas Day came more than once a year. The day before the holiday prepare the celery and salad greens, and chill in

Christmas Dinner IV

When you want to entertain and two-plate stove must do the cooking for your guests.

Tomato Juice
Brown Chicken Fricassee with
Dumplings
String Beans with Lemon Butter
Celery Tossed Spill Rolls
Tossed Salad of Greens,
With Oranges, Grapefruit,
Apples and Grapes
Crackers and Assorted Cheeses
with Bowl of Nuts and Raisins
or Coffee Ice Cream
Nuts Coffee

refrigerator along with the tomato juice. Prepare the string beans and chill. If desired, make the Chicken Fricassee the day before, then chill. Reheat on Christmas Day; make dumplings and steam on top of hot fatness.

Here are some recipes right on hand and ready for use on this preparation day.

BREAD STUFFING

3 qts. stale (not hard) bread-crumbs.
1½ tsp. salt.
1 tbsp. sage.
2 tbsp. chopped celery.
2 tsp. chopped parsley.
¼ tsp. pepper.
¼ c. butter or margarine.
½ c. minced onion.

Use day-old bread for the crumbs. Combine the breadcrumbs, salt, sage, celery, parsley and pepper. Meanwhile melt the butter in a large skillet, add the onion, and simmer until tender. Add the seasoned breadcrumbs and brown, stirring the crumbs constantly from the bottom. Stuff 1 bird weighing 8 lb. after it is dressed.

FRUIT AND OLIVE SALAD

2 large oranges.
6 large stuffed olives.
½ c. French dressing.
1 large avocado pear.
Salad greens.

With a sharp knife, pare the oranges deep enough to remove all membrane. Remove the orange sections and cut each section in half. Thinly slice the olives, and add with the oranges to the French dressing. Peel the avocado pear and cut in half crosswise. Carefully pull the halves away from the seed; then cut each half into crosswise rings about ½ in. thick. Arrange a ring of avocado on each of individual beds of salad greens, and fill the centre of each ring with some of the orange, olive and French dressing mixture. Serves 6.

POTATO AND CELERY STUFFING

8 medium potatoes.
1 c. hot milk or ½ c. evaporated milk and ½ c. water, heated.
2 tsp. salt.
¼ tsp. pepper.

2 eggs beaten.
4 tbsp. butter or margarine.
1 large peeled minced onion.
2 c. minced celery.
½ tsp. minced parsley.

Pare potatoes and cook until tender. Melt add hot milk salt and pepper. Add eggs and mix thoroughly, using potato masher. Melt butter in a saucepan; add onion and cook until tender. Add remaining ingredients and blend thoroughly. Add this mixture to the mashed potatoes. Stuff 1 chicken or duck weighing 4 lb. after it is dressed.

BAKED PLUM PUDDING

1½ c. brown sugar.
3 c. water.
5 tbsp. butter or margarine.
1 egg beaten.
1½ c. sifted cake flour.
½ tsp. baking powder.
½ tsp. salt.
½ c. raisins.
½ tsp. vanilla extract.

Combine 1 c. of the brown sugar, the water, and 1 tsp. of the butter, and simmer for 10 min. Meanwhile cream the remaining 4 tbsp. butter with the remaining ½ c. of the brown sugar. Add the beaten egg and mix well. Sift the flour, baking powder, and salt together, and add to the creamed mixture while stirring. Add raisins and vanilla, and stir until well mixed. Pour the hot syrup into a pan about 8 in. x 12 in. and drop the pudding mixture by tablespoons onto the hot syrup. Bake in a moderate oven of 350 deg. F. for 45 min. Serve warm or cold with plain cream or ice cream. Serves 8.

MOULDED TOMATO CHEESE SALAD

16oz. tin tomato soup.
9oz. cream cheese.
1oz. unflavoured gelatin.
½ c. cold water.
1 c. mayonnaise.
1 c. finely chopped raw vegetables (celery, onions, green pepper, and pimiento).

Let soup to boiling, remove from heat, add cheese, and beat with a hand beater or an electric beater at medium speed until thoroughly blended. Meanwhile soak the gelatin in the cold water for 5 min.; then add to the hot soup mixture and stir until gelatin is dissolved. Cool, but do not allow to thicken. Add all remaining ingredients but the lettuce and pour into a pan about 8 in. x 8 in. x 2 in. Chill until firm. Cut into 9 squares and serve an individual bed of lettuce with or without salad dressing. Serves 6.



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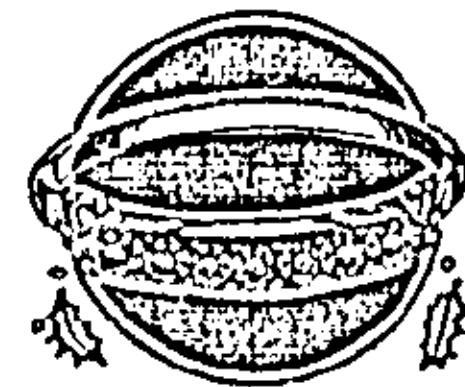
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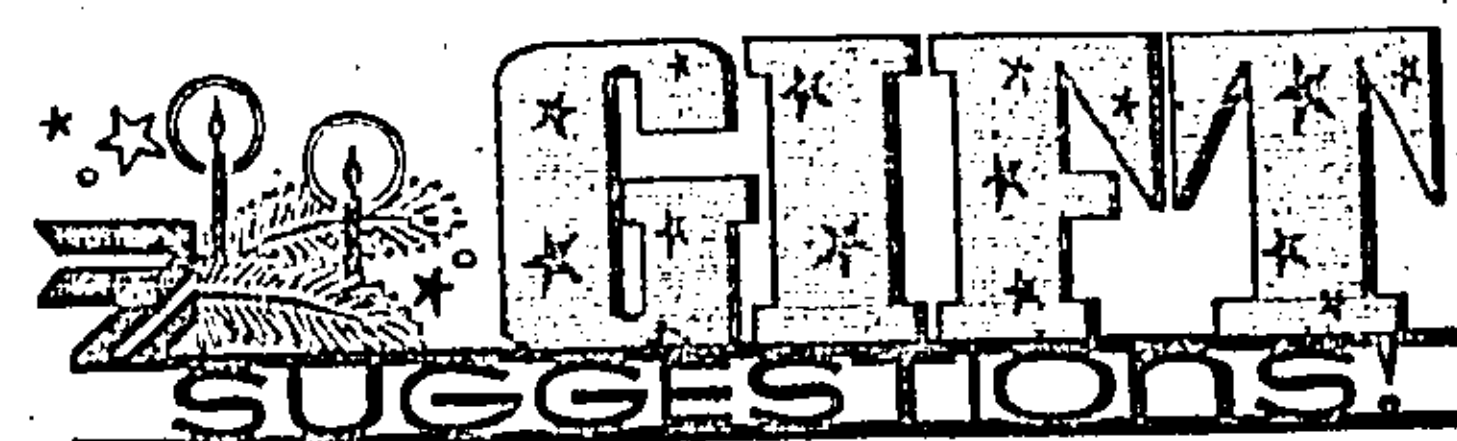
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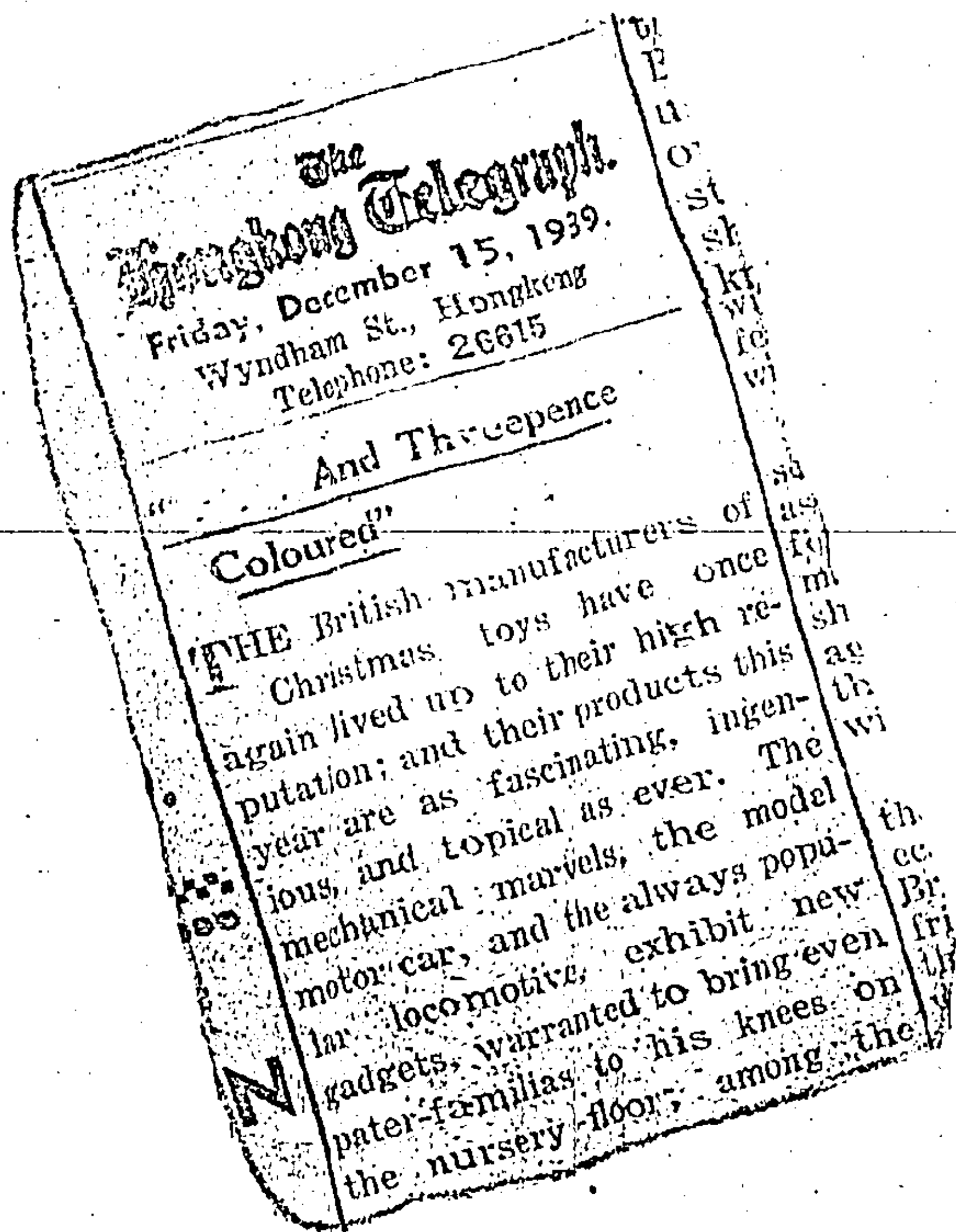
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Safeguarding An Hemisphere's Neutrality U.S. TO PATROL SEA WITH 500 BOMBERS

By JACK JOHNSON
"United Press" Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, (U.P.)—The administration may ask Congress for 500 air dreadnaughts, outstripping the famed "Flying Fortresses" in speed and cruising range, to enable the Army Air Corps to meet the needs of a Western Hemisphere defence policy, it was reported authoritatively.

Plans for the new air programme are in tentative form, and, if finally approved, may be submitted to Congress early in the regular session along with other emergency army requests to meet unforeseen expenditures as a result of the European war. The new planes, which would cost about \$100,000,000 (M), would be in addition to the July 1, 1941 "goal" of 5,000 planes authorised by the last session of Congress in the \$300,000,000 aviation expansion programme. Work on this programme is being expedited. Officials now believe that it will be completed seven or eight months ahead of schedule, which would enable the Army to place additional orders for the new "super planes" without "crowding" aircraft manufacturing facilities.

Informed quarters told the "United Press" that the projected aerial bombers would be better than the present 12-ton four engine flying fortresses, which have a cruising speed of more than 265 miles hourly and an operating radius of 2,000 miles each when loaded.

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These sources described the projected craft as "about the same size

ADDITIONAL ARMADA

The disclosure that an additional armada of powerful bombers is under consideration came as the Army and Navy moved to protect their plane

or a little larger" than the present super-bombers but said that improved motor design would lower fuel consumption, thus increasing cruising range. In addition, it was said that improvements in wing and other designing would add to their speed and operating range. They probably would cost around \$200,000 each.

The long-range, high speed bomber has been advocated recently by Army air chiefs as a vital need in a hemisphere defence policy. They have asserted that similar developments by foreign powers have increased the facility with which attacks could be made on the Americas. They argue that foreign air progress must be matched by planes capable of operating over vast distances from the Army's chain of bases extending from Hawaii to the Panama Canal, and from New England, through Puerto Rico to the Canal. Such a force would be essential in crushing attempts of an enemy to establish air bases that might menace the United States security, it was said.

The information, it was explained, would keep the government informed on latest foreign plane developments, production facilities at domestic plants available in an emergency, and safeguard American military plane orders from delays.

It was disclosed simultaneously that the Army Air Corps has been participating in the neutrality patrol with navy and coast guard ships and planes.

Officials said that army planes had been ordered to participate in observation activities whenever requested by the other services and emphasised that the planes are engaged only in "observation" work, which, it was said, is affording army pilots a chance to practice operations over water under "most realistic conditions."

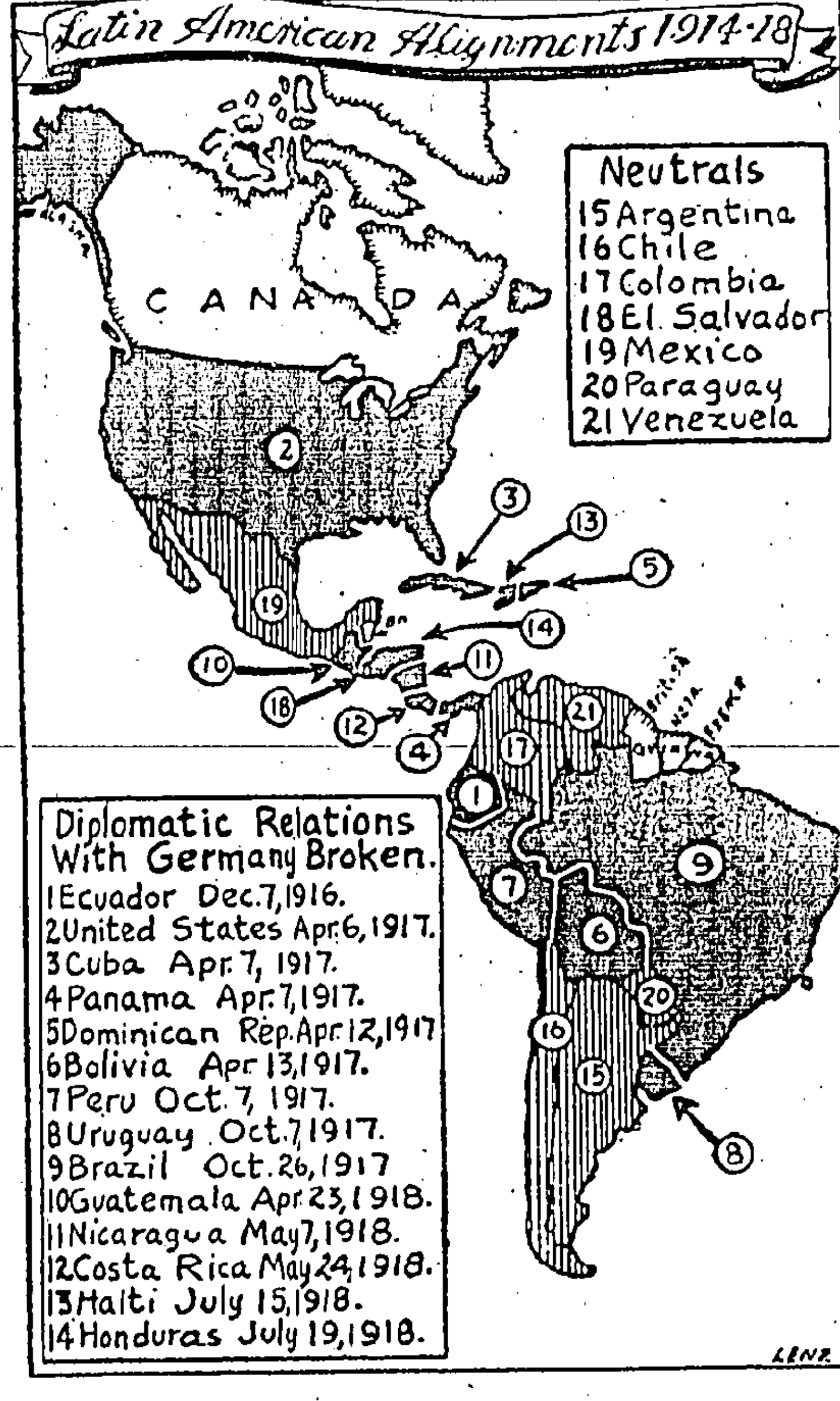
The Western Hemisphere, omitting Canada, held at Panama a conference of 21 American Nations intent on what to do about war. All of the Nations have declared neutrality. They met to defend their neutrality.

Consultation is invoked as provided for in the Declaration of Lima, adopted at the English Pan-American Conference last December. Section Three provides for consultation "in case the peace, security or territorial integrity of any American Republic is... threatened by acts of any nature." Prompt application of this procedure, within three weeks after Europe plunged into war, is in itself a milestone of Inter-American solidarity.

Agenda items at Panama open the entire range of continental relations. There are three main topics: 1. Neutrality—single or joint action. 2. Protection of the peace of the Western Hemisphere—to keep war out of the American markets for goods cut off from Europe and Asia; to finance more Inter-American trade; and to prevent war dislocations like those so disastrous to Latin America in 1929-30.

Canada remains officially outside the Pan-American family, but London and Washington recently have recognised Canada's special position. President Roosevelt declared at Kingston, Ontario, on Aug. 18, 1938, that the United States would defend Canada against attacks by any foreign power. This guarantee was reaffirmed by Mr. Roosevelt, and approved in a statement by the British Ministry of Information, just before the Conference.

The results achieved at Panama, shows tremendous gains since 1914 in unity of the Americas. As the accompanying map shows, the nation were divided during the last war, just 113 years after Simon Bolivar, South America's "Liberator" from Spain, called the first embryonic Pan-American Conference at Panama, in 1826, his work attained full stature in the same city.



AUSTRALIA SPEAKS

Short-wave Station To Answer Propaganda

London, Dec. 20. Speaking on the first short wave national broadcast conducted by the Australian Government, Mr. R. G. Menzies, Australian Prime Minister, declared that Australia had decided, because so many strange things are said about Australia by some propaganda stations, the time had come to speak for herself. Although 12,000 miles from Europe, Australia was involved in the European war and was acting in co-partnership with Britain. Germany began the war and was carrying it on in order to conquer people other than her own—the Czechs, Slovaks and Poles, and who knew what the others will be to-morrow. If Germany's only rule was military power, then no small nation in Europe is secure, and once Europe is under the overlordship of Germany then no small nation in the world could feel secure. "We in Australia are fortunate, because we are indissolubly bound to a very great Power whose interests and ideals are ours and who will protect us if necessary."—Reuter.

Hongkong Refugees

Slight Fall In Numbers In Local Camps

The numbers of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps in urban and rural areas are given officially as follows: In urban areas, civilians.—King's Park 1,358 for the week ending December 10, as against 1,302 on December 9; Mataichung 1,083 as against 1,078 and North Point 1,420 as against 1,410. In urban areas, soldiers.—In hospital eleven on December 10, same number on December 9 and Mataichung 726, as compared with 730. In rural areas.—At Kam Tin 1,864 on December 10, as compared with 1,812 on December 9; San Uk Ling 609, as compared with 738 and Gills Cutting 373, as compared with 377. The grand total on December 10 was 7,540, as compared with 7,560 on December 9, showing a decrease of 20.

CHINA'S FINANCES

Mr. T. V. Soong Attends Chungking Meeting

Shanghai, Dec. 20. The national financial conference originally scheduled to be held in Hongkong will now be convened in Chungking according to a report in the Central China Daily News. Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of China, arrived in Chungking from Hongkong yesterday to attend the conference, it adds. The conference will discuss the currency problems and decide on measures for the stabilisation of commodity prices and readjustment of inland financial conditions, the report concludes. Inland Credits The Chinese banks in Shanghai have decided to suspend extension of credit loans to business houses of inland areas owing to lack of communication facilities, says the Sin Wan Pao, the outstanding credit loans being collected by bank representatives in the inland cities, the report adds.—Reuter.

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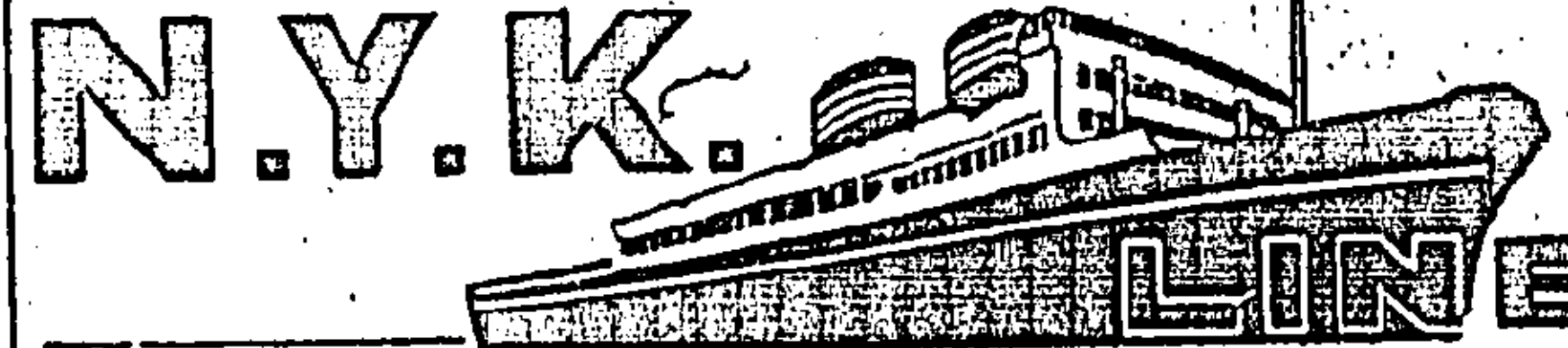
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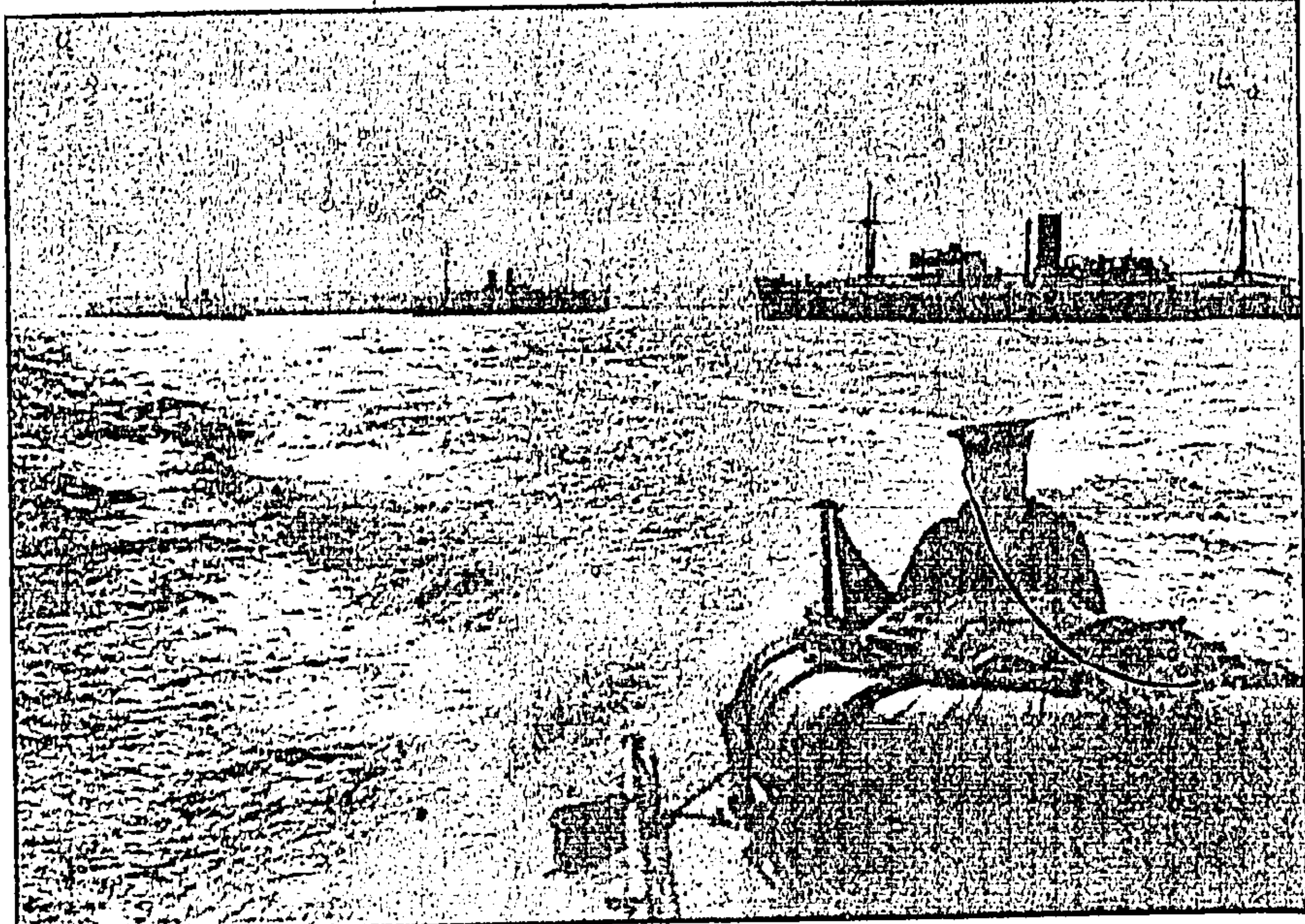
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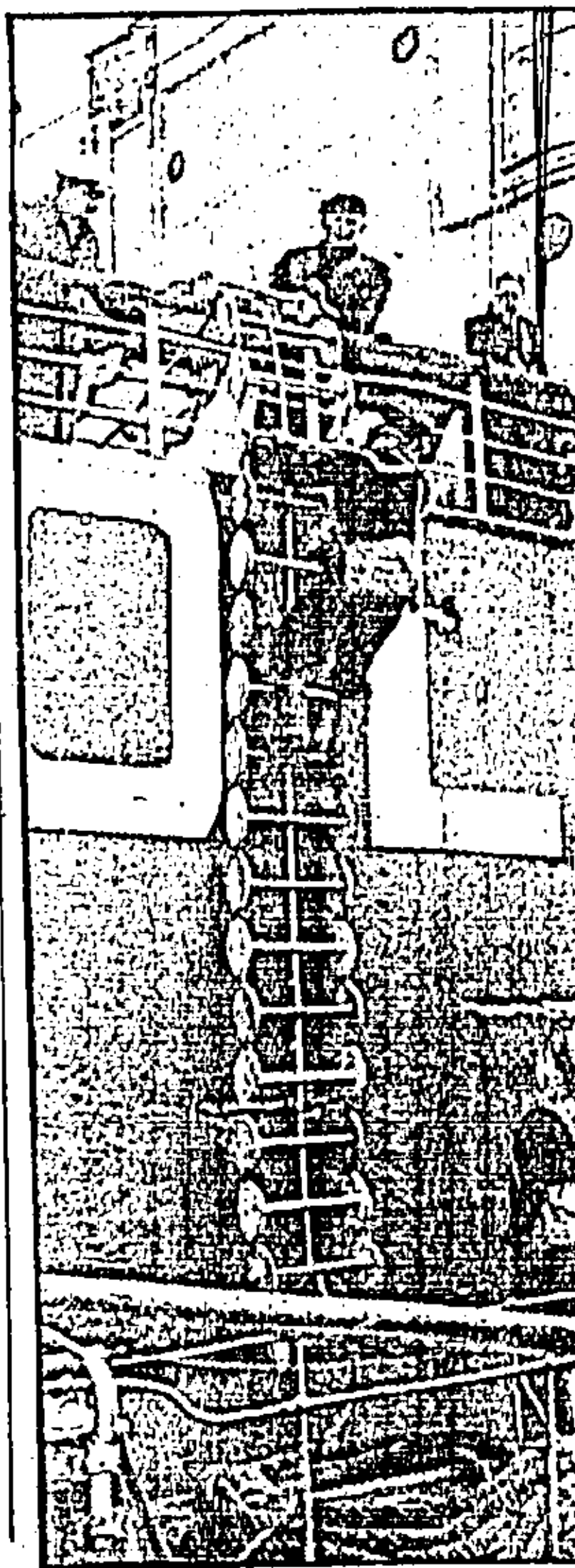
THESE MEN BLOCK GERMANY'S WAR SUPPLIES



Photograph above was taken from a patrol boat on its way to interrogate neutral shipping, seen gathered on the horizon. Right: One of the patrol crew goes aboard to take part in the search for contraband.

THE British contraband control fleet has already achieved an enviable record. Since the beginning of the war it has dealt with 375 vessels, and has intercepted 315,000 tons of contraband goods destined for Germany—this in addition to 150,000 tons seized by the French Navy.

The search is going on night and day, and these pictures show the patrolmen at work on a round-up of ships.



Engaged in the search of a neutral ship, this British sailor found himself mixed up with a cargo of sheep, and taxed his memory in vain for orders of procedure in such a contingency.

ESCAPED FROM BOMBS IN COTTON TENNIS FROCK

KAUNAS.

STILL suffering from bomb splinter wounds in the head, Countess Zaidlerowa, whose novels, written under the name of Martin Hare, are known to thousands of British readers, described recently her nightmare journey to safety from tragic Warsaw.

Seven weeks ago, when German bombers were raining death and destruction on the Polish capital, the Countess, an Englishwoman who married a Polish officer, set out with her husband for Lithuania.

"I had finished my latest book, 'Polonia', on the day of the Polish mobilisation," she said. "I sent the manuscript to London on the same day."

"After five days of terrible bombardment in Warsaw, I decided on September 6 to leave the city and spend a day at a country house on the other side of the Vistula."

Four Weeks' Ordeal

"I was wearing a tennis frock and my husband had on only a summer suit. The following day it was impossible to return to Warsaw, for the martyrdom of the city had begun."

"Having little money and no clothes, and subjected to terrible air attacks almost continually, we travelled on foot and by any means of transport we could find for four weeks via Radom, Ostrowiec (where I saw a child's hospital bombed), to Gdansk, Lublin, Chelm, Pinsk and thence by way of Polesie, Morass and Vilna to Kaunas."

Slept In The Open

"At times we slept in a train used for carrying pigs. Other times we slept on the ground in the open, without food or water for washing. A Polish soldier gave me a pair of socks, and other kindly strangers gave me garments. I have none of my own clothes left now."

"In Chelm the train in which we travelled, which carried petrol, was attacked by German bombers. I was wounded by five splinters in my head."

"An army surgeon shaved my head and treated me with my husband's assistance. Suffering from these wounds, I spent days without food and for weeks had only black bread to eat. My clothes were blood-stained, and I had no water to wash myself."

"For the German aeroplanes it was apparently sufficient to see two people in order to start an air attack. I am amazed that I escaped death."

Women Bombed

"I cannot find words to express my admiration for the courage of the Polish people, including women and children, since in the trains in which I travelled it was mostly women and children who were the victims of the air attacks."

"I saw thousands in a frightful situation, since their money was worthless and they could not buy food. Everybody helped each other with gifts of bread, sugar, salt and so on."

"After we reached the area occupied by the Red Army we suffered no more air attacks and were not so badly treated by the Russians in Vilna, where we arrived on October 8."

"Then we got permits to enter Lithuania. Kaunas, with its normal life and with plenty of food and clothes, and with the streets lit normally, made an extraordinary impression on us after our two months' ordeal."

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ALLIES' TANK DISPLAYS BEHIND THE LINE King Toasted By French Colonel

By DOUGLAS WILLIAMS
WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE.

British and French tanks, and armoured car regiments, crack cavalry units before they were mechanised have recently been exchanging visits in their respective villages in the British and French areas.

British Lancers and French Cuirassiers, officers and men, mingled in social groups, ate and drank together, swapped stories in their broken Anglo-French, and then watched each other's machines carry out tactical exercises.

I was present on both occasions, and was much struck with the sincere friendliness displayed, and the quick and eager manner in which both sides sought to exchange views on tank and armoured car manoeuvres.

It was a cold, rainy day when we visited the French and the cosy warmth of the officers' mess was very welcome.

Surprising Menu

Owing to the unexpected arrival of extra British officers the five guests expected expanded to 20, but the cook rose nobly to the occasion, and within half an hour we were sitting down to such delicate as chicken with sauce verte, coquilles St. Jacques, and tournedos.

How this wonder was accomplished the British officers, with their more restricted culinary arrangements, were at a loss to understand.

Toasts were exchanged at the end of the meal, the French colonel proposing the King and the British Army, and the senior British officer that of the President of France and the French Army.

Meanwhile, in billets and cook-houses, British lancers and N.C.O.s were being generously entertained by the French cuirassiers. Beer was replaced by wine and even champagne, and the Entente Cordiale has seldom stood at a greater peak of cordiality.

English Plum Pudding

A few days later the French rode in their armoured cars to visit their British comrades. In the morning British light cavalry armoured cars preceded by the French colonel and carried out evolutions.

The French officers lunched with the various squadrons, where the mess secretaries had worked all night planning menus to approach the excellence of the meal they had enjoyed the previous week at the hands of their French hosts.

Real English plum pudding was the chef d'oeuvre of the mess where I lunched, and the toasts were drunk with an excellent magnum of 1928 champagne.

Several of the French officers, most of whom, of course, were graduates of the famous French cavalry school at Saumur, spoke good English, and conversation was easy and lively.



Here the captain (right) of a neutral vessel is seen giving to two British Naval officers particulars of his port of departure, cargo, and its destination.

Russia Expands Aid In Chinese War with Japan

Increasing numbers of Soviet Russian planes, guns, and military technicians have appeared in China during the recent weeks which have witnessed new success by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's armies against Japan and revived strength in his Air Force.

Reliable sources to-day estimated that 500 Russian technicians already are in China and said that additional supplies of tanks, anti-aircraft guns, and other war materials were on their way from Russia.

Chinese spokesmen, both here and in China's provisional capital, Chungking, said the Soviet military aid was the outgrowth of a Chinese-Soviet trade pact concluded last June and subsidiary military and economic agreements reached before war started in Europe.

Terms of those agreements never have been disclosed, but Chinese officials have said privately that they were promised Russian war supplies worth between \$30,000,000 and \$100,000,000.

What China promised in return has remained secret, but Chinese officials intimated they had pledged Chinese raw materials for repayment to Moscow.

Most of China's easily exportable raw materials, however, are in southern provinces far from the Russian frontier and are earmarked largely for use in liquidating a \$25,000,000 credit from the United States Import-Export Bank.

These factors have strengthened the belief of foreign observers that China granted economic concessions to Russia in Sinking, the vast western province which borders Russian Turkistan.

Sinking, a territory of 500,000 square miles, is believed to contain gold, oil, and other unexploited resources.

Chinese vigorously deny that their agreements with Moscow have been made in connection with any Russian military demands which would violate China's sovereignty over Sinking, as some Japanese quarters have charged.

Several years ago the Soviet Union prepared for exploiting Sinking, a huge part of the heart of Asia, by completing the Turkestan Railway with feeder-highways to the border of Chinese Turkistan. Only arduous caravan routes served the region previously.

Whatever the terms of any Chinese-Soviet agreements, the effect became apparent as early as last August when new Russian pursuit planes, pilots and ground-crews began to augment Chiang Kai-shek's forces. Subsequently Russian-manned anti-aircraft batteries were seen in action against the Japanese at many points along the Yangtze valley.

Lately Russian-made bombers have strengthened the Chinese Air Force. Authoritative sources said these planes were the craft which 10 days ago carried out a successful raid on Japanese bases near Hankow.

Informed Chinese quarters declared that Russian advice contributed to Chinese success in breaking up the Japanese offensive in Hunan Province two weeks ago.

Chinese insisted that Russian aid came through agreement between Chungking and Moscow and that Chinese Communists had not acted as intermediaries.

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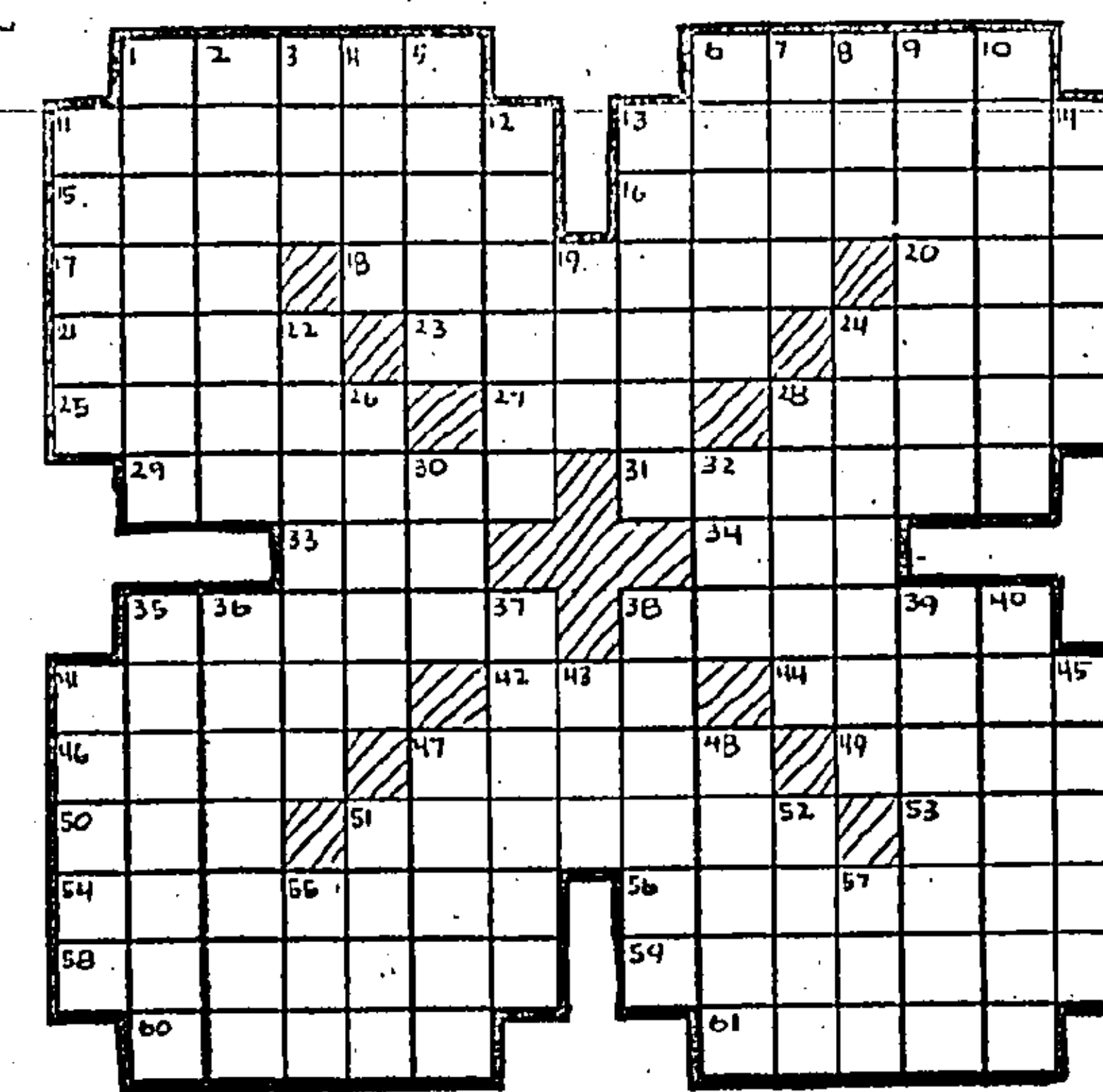
By LAIS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1-Philippine egret	11-Product of lumber
2-First Bishop of Rome	12-Instrument of pledge
3-Excluded hollow	13-Specially valuable
4-Sign of ladder	14-First product of wool
5-Exit	15-Outer trimmings
6-First product of wool	16-First Chinese tongue
7-First Chinese tongue	17-Dropping
8-First Chinese tongue	18-Carried over again
9-First Chinese tongue	19-Lacking activity
10-First Chinese tongue	20-The former Turkish court
21-Organ of vision	22-First Chinese tongue
23-Insect-eating	24-Cure-all
24-Cure-all	25-Live over again
25-Live over again	26-Tail-keeper
26-Tail-keeper	27-Forward rush
27-Forward rush	28-Western Indian
28-Western Indian	29-First name
29-First name	30-Pointed arches
30-Pointed arches	31-Trip
31-Trip	32-Van's name
32-Van's name	33-Devour
33-Devour	34-Unity

DOWN

35-Handled	1-Intertwining of two
36-Pinhead	2-Nerve cells
37-One who attends	3-Group of three
38-Snow vehicle	4-Male host
39-Group of three	
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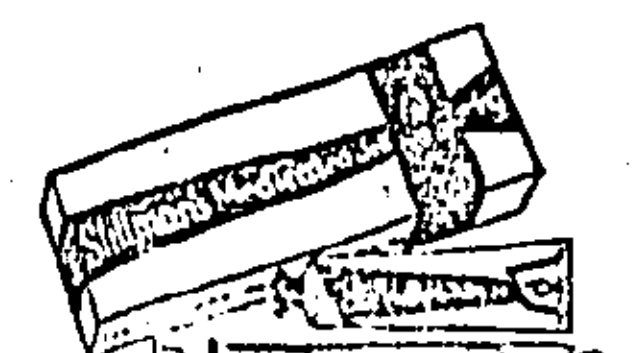
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6.47 Songs by Paul Robeson (Bass). Lullaby (from "Porgy and Bess"—Gershwin); It Talks a Long Pull To Get There (from "Porgy and Bess"—Gershwin); I Don't Know What's Wrong (Dyrenforth and Eric Ansell); Roll Up Sailorman (film "Big Fella"). 7.15 French Music. Café-Chantant (Wal-Berg); C'est Dans Un Caboulot (Marc Lanjean). . . . Dama (Vocal) with Orchestra; Ah Dis, Ah Dis, Ah Bonjour (Charles Trenet); La Vie Qui Va (French film "Je chante"). . . . Charles Trenet (Vocal) with Orchestra; Valse Ma Banquette (from Revue "Féerie de Paris"); Java—Sous Les Bees De Gaz (from Revue "Féerie de Paris"). . . . L'Accordéoniste Alexander and His Orchestra; Du Soleil Dans Ses Yeux (Gaston Claret); Je Crois N'Avoir Jamais Aimé (film "Première"). . . . Dama (Vocal) with Orchestra; Le Petit Quinquin (Desrousseaux); Au-pres De Ma Blon-de (Dulac). . . . Jean Sorbier (Vocal) with Orchestra. 7.30 London Relay—The News. 8 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements. 8.03 Strauss—"Der Rosenkavalier" Suite. Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Karl Böhm. 8.20 Songs by Amelita Galli-Curci (Soprano). Air and Variations (Proch); La Fauvette ("Zemire et Azor"—Gretzy). . . . with Flute obbligato by Clement Barone; Carnations (Valverde); Little Star (Fonce). . . . with Piano accomp. by Homer Samuel. 8.32 Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler. Liebesleid (Kreisler); Liebestreu (Kreisler). . . . with Piano accomp. by Lamson; Caprice Viennois (Kreisler). . . . with Piano accomp. by Rupp. 8.45 Studio—Talk on "Hitler and the Aryan Race." 9.05 Songs by Lina Pagliughi (Soprano). "The Pearl Fishers" (Bizet-Zanar-dini); Cavatina di Lella; "Rigoletto" (Verdi); Gilda's Aria; Caro nome; "Mignon" (Thomas); Io son Tulliana. . . . with Orchestral accompaniment. 9.15 London Relay—News Sum-mary. 9.30 London Relay—Talk by Lord Chatfield. 9.45 Dance Music. 10 Variety with Grace Fields, Tommy Handley, Oliver Wakefield, Charlie Kunz and Others.

DARDANUS BACK

Bullet-Riddled Plane
Flown Here

The bullet-riddled Imperial Airways plane Dardanus was flown back to Kai Tak from Fort Bayard yesterday for further repairs. Capt. J. Wilson piloted the plane accompanied by Messrs. French and Crosbie of the Imperial Airways staff.

The 80 odd bullet holes in the fuselage and wings were patched with dark fabric and the spars which had been almost eaten through by the stream of bullets had been replaced at Fort Bayard. It was discovered after the plane had been flown from Weihow that the Japanese had only patched up the holes, but had not repaired any of the spars shot away under the fabric. For this reason the wings were in danger of folding up.

Examination of the aircraft at Kai Tak yesterday revealed there were about six holes in the rear freight compartment. These bullets had perforated mail from Hongkong. There were also several holes in the passengers' seats, beneath which the passengers in the plane were forced to crouch to avoid being hit.

There were two holes through the walls of the lavatory and many in the sound proof packing round the passengers' cabin. It is expected that a number of bullets will be found lodged in this packing when it is removed for examination.

The plane will have to be sent to Singapore for complete overhaul and renewal of parts.

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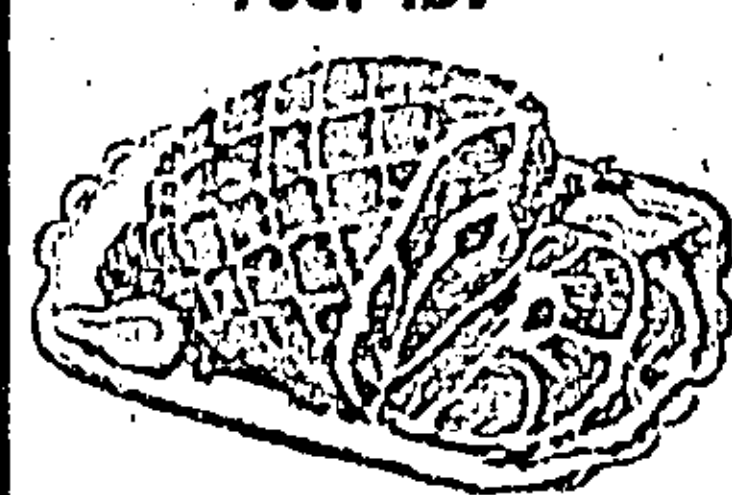
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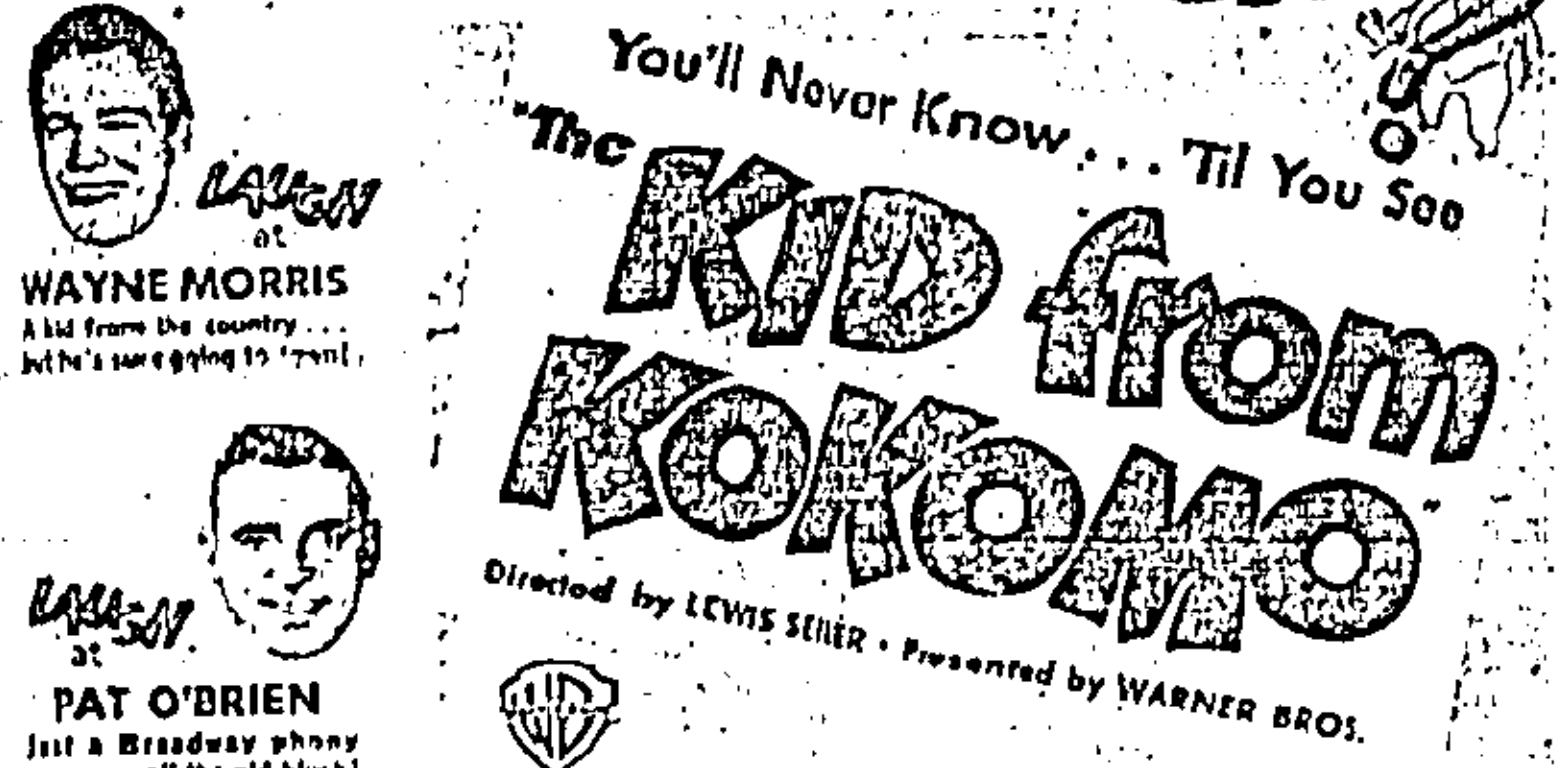
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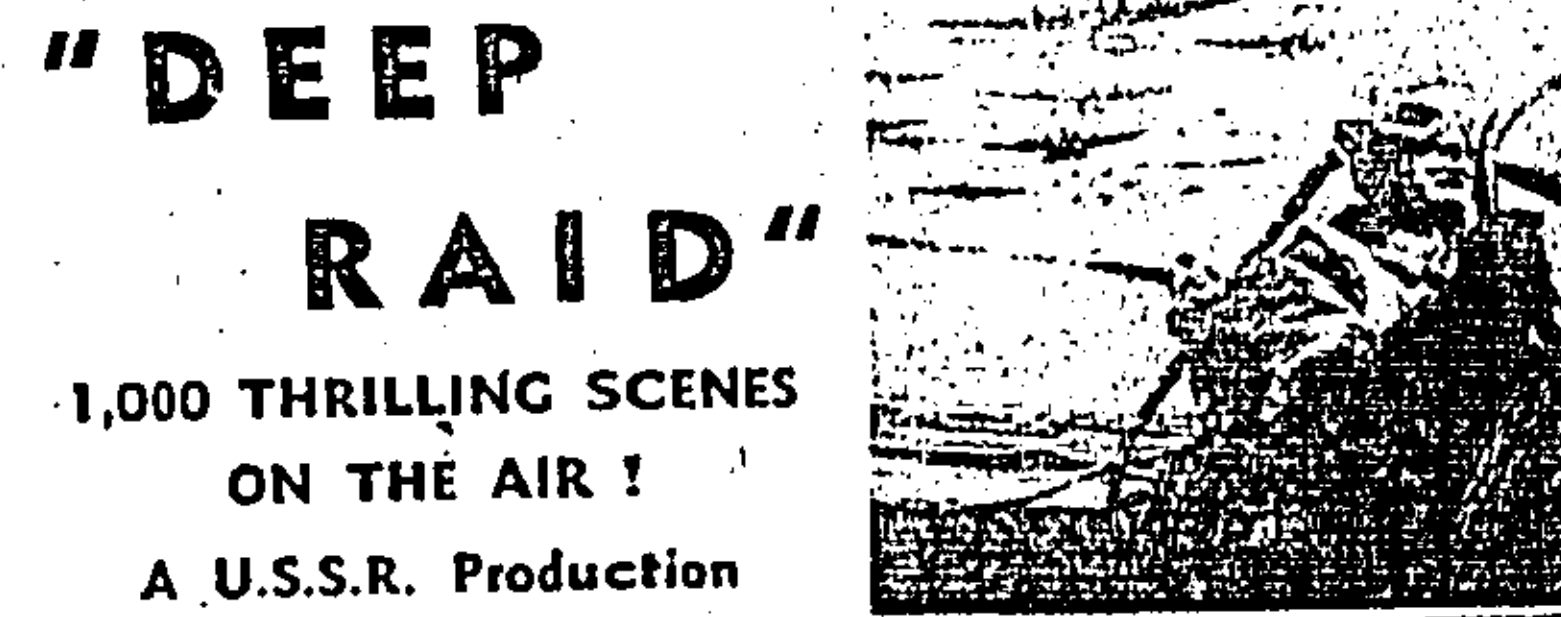


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Raiders Appear Over Eastern Counties

LONDON, DEC. 20 (REUTER).—IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT APPEARED FOR A SHORT TIME OVER THE EASTERN COUNTIES THIS EVENING.

Searchlights were exposed and fighters sent up to investigate; but there was no contact.

No anti-aircraft guns were in action and no air-raid warning was sounded.

The Air Ministry to-night denied the German High Command statement that a British flying boat was shot down.

It was stated that a British flying boat yesterday encountered a German machine off the Norwegian coast.

The enemy was driven off and the flying boat returned to its base.

MYSTERY PLANES

At least six of the German fighters on Monday were of the new type known as ME-110?

The German call them "destroyer planes."

The German fighters made some 40 attacks on our machines.

One R.A.F. bomber brought down five enemy aircraft.

On the way home, it was attacked several times, and eventually got away with both front and rear gunners wounded and the centre gun and wireless out of action.

The Germans continue to make widely exaggerated claims concerning the flights of their planes.

Semi-official circles in London comment sarcastically that the most successful Nazi flights are their flights of imagination.

The best of all German stories, however, concerns R.A.F. attacks on the island of Sylt, which the R.A.F. denies having attacked.

The Nazis say that the R.A.F. dropped bombs on two towns in the island, the attacks being made at 2 p.m.

In actual fact, however, the R.A.F. says, no British machines were within a hundred miles of Sylt at the time.

17 Planes Lost

The German air force has lost 17 planes in two air battles over Heligoland since last Thursday.

The cost of the Nazi coastal defence is in sharp contrast to that of the R.A.F. for the British coastal defence.

During October and November, the Nazis lost 21 machines in raids on the British coast.

The R.A.F. Coastal Command lost not one single machine.

"Naval Victories"

The Nazis are now claiming as "naval victories" the attacking and sinking of defenceless fishing boats by their planes.

The fishing boats are called British patrol forces.

To-day they jubilantly announced that the British had lost 23 patrol boats.

The claim is completely untrue. Only six, and not 23, were lost. They were fishing boats and had nothing to do with Britain's defence forces.

The Admiralty announces that the Navy has not lost a single ship in the past few days.

Fighting "Murder Mines"

Measures against Nazi planes laying mines along the British coast include not only night patrols over Heligoland but also operations by a "Barrage" Navy.

In order to intercept enemy aircraft, balloons are now made fast to boats around various danger areas, and these boats are manned by young members of the balloon barrage of the R.A.F., tug-masters and fishermen.

The danger of the work is illustrated by the story of how one such boat found itself anchored at night near a mine.

It did not dare to move for fear of being blown up and those on board wore their life-belts all night.

The next morning, the anchor was hoisted and the boat slowly and cautiously moved out of the area.

NDL LINER MAY BE SEIZED

MIAMI, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The Imperial Sugar Company of Galveston has filed suit for attachment against the German freighter, Arauca, which put into Port Everglades, Florida, yesterday, after being pursued by an English warship.

The company claims that it had many tons of sugar aboard three Hamburg-America Line freighters which put into neutral ports at the beginning of the war without delivering cargoes.

The suit involves a sum of \$38,500. Arauca Not Armed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Dec. 20 (UP).—It is revealed that the German steamer Arauca is not armed, and may remain at Port Everglades indefinitely.

Authorities are investigating whether or not the British cruiser Orion entered United States waters and also whether or not an airplane from the Orion flew over the Arauca while she was in United States waters.

GESTAPO CHIEF IN ITALY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" ROME, Dec. 20 (Domel).—Herr Himmler, chief of the Gestapo, unexpectedly arrived here from Berlin to-day.

It is understood that he will make arrangements for a meeting between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini.

CALLOUS MURDER RAIDS ON UNARMED FISHERMEN

(Continued from Page 1.)

The German planes are alleged to have power-dived and machine-gunned the men in the water, wounding one in the leg.

Attack Watched

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The latest fishing boat to be sunk by Nazi planes was the trawler Trinity, which was bombed on Tuesday at a point some 75 miles from the Scottish coast.

The attack was watched by a Danish trawler which was a mile away at the time.

The German plane, the crew of the Danish ship report, dived on to the British trawler many times, bombing and machine-gunning it.

The crew took refuge in the cabins and it was not until the Trinity was on the verge of sinking that they took to their boats.

After the Trinity had sunk beneath the waves, eight British survivors were picked up by the Danish boat and they were landed at Denmark to-day.

One German went down with the Trinity, while the cook died from his wounds not long after being rescued.

Turned Tail As R.A.F. Came On Scene

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Bombing unarmed trawlers—spraying the helpless crews with machine-gun fire—but turning tail when faced with Royal Air Force planes.

Eye-witness accounts of this latest form of German air activity in the North Sea were given to-day by grim-faced Scottish trawler-men when they brought their battered vessels and dead and wounded into port.

With the wheel-house practically blown away, the funnel and ventilators burst, torn and tilted with machine-gun bullets and a gaping hole in the side, the Aberdeen trawler, Star of Scotland, has been towed into port carrying the bodies of two of the crew killed by a bomb from a German warplane yesterday and two members of the crew injured.

The skipper, describing the attack, said the plane circled round us with bullets as we tried to launch a small boat.

The skipper's son said that the German plane turned tail when R.A.F. planes were sighted.

Three other trawlers—one with the survivors of a sunk trawler—reached port after the attacks of German planes.

The skipper of the Isabella Grigg, which was sunk by bombs, said that two of the crew were wounded when they were attacked by two Heinkels.

He said that even after the crew had abandoned ship, the German bombers opened fire on the life-boat and dropped more bombs.

"British Light Forces"

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique replies to the German High Command communique issued to-day regarding the sinking of "British light naval forces," including the Pearl, Serenity, New Choice, Ilkeway, Evelyn, Sedgely and Trinity.

The Admiralty communique states that the Pearl, New Choice and Trinity were fishing trawlers. The Serenity was an unarmed coastal steamer.

The Ilkeway does not exist and the Evelyn and Sedgely were Admiralty trawlers overdue some time ago and were presumed lost.

In the last three days, the communique adds, 35 vessels, two of which were neutrals, had been attacked by German aircraft.

Only three were naval units and the attacks, therefore, were unsuccessful.

One coasting steamer and several fishing trawlers were sunk.

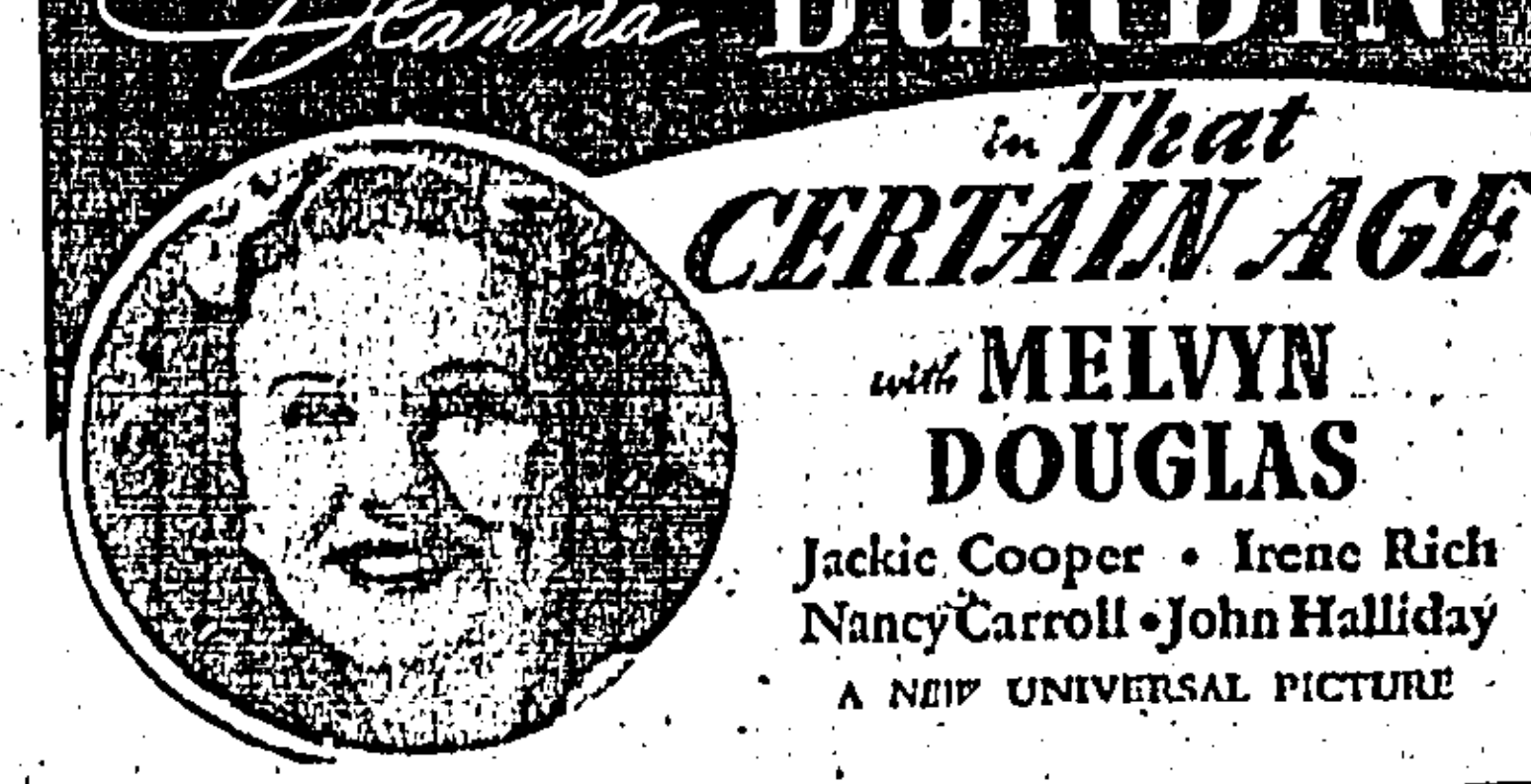
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Armistice On Western Front

BERLIN, DEC. 21 (REUTER).—SOMETHING IN THE WAY OF A CHRISTMAS TRUCE WILL BE OBSERVED ON THE WESTERN FRONT BY THE GERMANS—IF THE ALLIES DO NOT ATTACK.

A semi-official promise to this effect was made by the Nazis to-day. This forecast by well-informed circles in Berlin yesterday followed the departure of Hitler for his mountain retreat at Berchtesgaden.

The Germans state that their troops will not be ordered to embark on any land offensive during the holidays.

In this connection, neutral observers attach considerable importance to the visit of the Papal Nuncio to the Wilhelmstrasse. Whether it was in connection with proposals for a Christmas Armistice cannot be ascertained.

Reds Still Revoluting

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 20 (UP).—Reports of growing unrest among the Soviet forces, among whom one battalion has already revolted and, after killing their officers, have joined the Finns, continue to gain ground.

Seven Russian bombing planes are now reported to have been surrendered to the Finns by the pilots, who have offered their services in the fight against the Communists.

It is also reported, although unconfirmed at present, that Italian and Spanish volunteers are now serving as pilots with the Finnish Air Force.

SOVIET ATTACKS COLLAPSE

**Finns Gain Control
After Big Battle**

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The series of violent attacks on the Mannerheim Line after a heavy and prolonged artillery bombardment all collapsed after a footing had been gained temporarily at several points.

Over 100 tanks supported the attacks and the biggest array of aircraft since the invasion began bombed the Finnish positions and towns behind the lines.

The Finnish troops fought with grim determination and the Russian losses were considerable. Numerous tanks were captured inside the Finnish lines and others were destroyed before reaching the main defence system.

Reds Lose Many Planes
Twenty Russian planes were brought down, 14 by Finnish fighters and six by A.A. fire.

A number of civilians were killed and civil property was set afire during the intense bombings of the towns behind the Mannerheim Line. Large areas were left as blazing.

ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE CAPTAIN TAKES HIS LIFE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20 (UP).—Captain Langsdorff, Commander of the pocket battleship Admiral Graf von Spee, committed suicide with a revolver to-day.

His body was found in a room at the Immigrants Hotel. He left a letter which said that from the moment he had been ordered to scuttle his ship, he had decided to share the destiny of his boat although he decided to postpone it long enough to be assured of the safety of over a thousand young men who made up his crew.

The Ambassador rushed to the hotel immediately upon being notified. He personally advised the Minister of Marine of the tragedy. The time of the suicide is not known, but it is presumed that it occurred soon after the issuance of the internment order.

It has been disclosed that Captain Langsdorff yesterday requested the authorities permission to "have a heart to heart talk with my men."

The authorities cleared the hotel of all except the Graf Spee's crew and officers who formed a circle four deep around their Captain. He apparently bade them his last farewell.

An official communique issued by the German Embassy praised the Captain's action, implying that Nazi officials consider that he has concluded his career with full honours.

The funeral is scheduled for tomorrow and will be attended at the German cemetery by 300 of the Graf Spee's crew and German officials.

Afghans Call Up Troops

**Menaced By
Soviet?**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Dec. 20 (UP).—Afghanistan, the Kingdom of 245,000 square miles buffeted between Soviet Russia, Persia, and the north-west frontier of India, has decided upon mobilization of part of its armed forces.

The decision has been arrived at as a result of reports of heavy concentrations of Russian troops on Afghanistan's northern frontier.

Last month it was reported that Russia had concentrated large forces in the Bokhara area west of the Caspian Sea.

There have also been rumours of a secret clause in the Russo-German

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INTERNING OF CREW

**"Disappointment"
With Argentine**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Dec. 20 (UP).—The

internment of the Admiral Graf

Spee's crew in Buenos Aires has

caused disappointment in Berlin.

It had been hoped that the

crew would be considered as

being "shipwrecked" and would

be released accordingly.

An authorized source on Monday

told the press "the men who arrived

at Buenos Aires after their ship had

been sunk were unarmed. It is my

personal opinion that under these

circumstances they should not be

interned."

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How Capt. Dahme Scuttled The Columbus

Crew Set Fire To Barrels of Petrol: Dramatic Finale

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (UP).—The dramatic story of the scuttling and burning of his 32,600-ton liner Columbus—third biggest steamer in the German mercantile marine and largest merchant victim of the war—was told to-day by Captain Wilhelm Dahme, when he arrived with 578 other survivors aboard the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa.

U.S. Immigration authorities state that the Germans will be treated as marooned or shipwrecked sailors, and will be granted the customary 60 days permitted under U.S. regulations. At the expiration of that time they will have to leave the country.

Friendly Farewells

"The Columbus left Vera Cruz on Thursday with an escort of American destroyers," said Captain Dahme.

"Right up to the end, there was always one or two American cruisers with us. They were very friendly and, as each one left us, signalled 'God Speed, a safe return and Merry Christmas.'"

"The Tuscaloosa took up the escort a day before the scuttling. At about 2.30 p.m. on Thursday a destroyer appeared on the starboard bow."

"I discerned the British ensign at her stern and gave the 'general alarm' to stand by to scuttle and burn the ship."

Ignored Signals

"My men had been drilled for a month, and they knew exactly what to do."

"The British destroyer signalled to us to halt. The international flag, she informed us that she was sending a boarding party across."

"I ignored the signals. The destroyer then fired two shots across our bows, and I immediately ordered the lifeboats to be lowered."

"As soon as they were clear of the ship, I ordered the Columbus to be scuttled."

"The gun valves were opened. I kept lifeboats numbers 13 and 14 by for the purpose of taking off the scuttling crew and the fire brigade."

"When the Chief Engineer reported that all the sea connections had been opened I ordered the ship to be set afire."

Torch Put To Petrol

"The torch was set to the barrels of petrol which had been placed everywhere for such a purpose. The ship was well ablaze as the last two lifeboats cleared from her side."

"I went down by a rope later to the last lifeboat, in which we circled our burning ship until we were taken aboard the Tuscaloosa, which was two miles away."

"The crew of the Tuscaloosa did everything possible for us."

"I am sorry my ship had to go. But if you get an order you have to fulfil that order. That's the way it is," Captain Dahme ended, shrugging his shoulders.

Survivors Land

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (Domei).—The U.S.S. Tuscaloosa arrived here this evening with 578 survivors of the German luxury liner Columbus aboard.

Upon landing here, Captain Wilhelm Dahme of the scuttled German liner told Press that his ship left Vera Cruz, in Mexico, on December 14. At 3.05 p.m. on December 19, when the ship was 400 miles off the coast of Virginia, it was suddenly attacked by a British warship and two shells pierced the bow.

"I then had no alternative but to order the scuttling of my ship," said the captain. Various parts of the ship were fired. The crew drifted about for about one hour before they were picked up by the Tuscaloosa, the captain added.

NEW TRADE PACT

**Rumania Joins Up
With Italy**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Dec. 21 (Domei).—Less than 24 hours after

rejecting Germany's demands for a new trade agreement under which she would have had to supply 25 per cent. more oil and foodstuffs to the Reich, Rumania to-day signed a

trade pact with Hitler's erstwhile ally, Italy.

Negotiations for the Italian-Rumanian agreement, like those for the abortive Reich-Rumanian pact, have been in progress for some time.

Under the terms of the new pact, Italy will supply Rumania with manufactured goods, machinery, chemicals, dyes, raw cotton, wool and rayon, in return for Rumania's oil, wheat, cattle and eggs.

Franco-Soviet Relations

**French Politicians
Want Rupture**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Dec. 20 (UP).—The

parliamentary group of the Republican Federation, which met to-day under the chairmanship of M. Louis Martin, has unanimously voted in favour of a rupture of French relations with Soviet Russia.

It is reported that a meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the French Senate this morning advocated practical as well as moral aid for Finland.

Decision Supported
Members of the Committee are also believed to have supported a rupture of Franco-Russian relations.

The committee discussed the international situation generally, and particular attention to the situation arising out of the Soviet invasion of Finland.

It also decided to recommend further attempts at reconciliation between France and Italy.

At Ellis Island

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The Columbus survivors have been landed at the Immigration depot on Ellis Island.

The arrival of the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa was delayed by thick fogs outside the harbour.

THIS IS HOW RULERS WILL SPEND CHRISTMAS

ENGLAND LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret are to spend Christmas with Their Majesties. They have been in Scotland since before the war and travelled down to London during Tuesday night. They have not seen the King since the middle of August and the Queen for two months.

GERMANY BERLIN, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Herr Hitler left Berlin to-day to spend Christmas at Berchtesgaden.

It is not known whether he means to keep up his usual custom of celebrating Christmas with members of the Nazi Party in the Beer Cellar at Munich.

£100,000 An Hour On War

LONDON, Dec. 20 (British Wireless).—Britain's great war effort was disclosed in impressive fashion to-day by the Minister for Supply.

Between September 3, the day Britain declared war on Germany, and December 12, the Ministry has placed orders amounting to the astounding total of £225,000,000.

This works out at £2,250,000 a day, or almost £100,000 an hour.

Among the contracts signed by the Ministry are £70,000,000 for raw materials, textiles and leather;

£70,000,000 for raw materials, textiles and leather;

£50,000,000 for guns, small arms and ammunition;

£45,000,000 for cars, trucks and other transport vehicles;

£12,000,000 for machine tools;

£12,000,000 for optical and scientific instruments;

£10,000,000 for general stores; and

£21,000,000 on assisted schemes of production, including the purchase of plant.

Japanese Cabinet Asked to Resign

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Dec. 21 (UP).—The Japanese Cabinet has

been asked to resign.

The Jikyoku Dashikai, a small independent political group, which includes a few insurgent members of the Diet, has passed a resolution calling upon the Cabinet to resign on the grounds of its vacillating policy, resulting in the loss of the nation's confidence.

In the meantime, the "Kokumin Shimbum" reports that Ambassador Ott and other high ranking German Embassy members will soon be recalled because of their failure to "take effective measures to enforce Berlin's pro-Japanese policy in coping with the situation arising from the 'Soviet-German' rapprochement and the European war."

OMINOUS ADVICE

**Russo-German Eyes
On Sweden?**

LONDON, Dec. 20 (UP).—The "Exchange Telegraph's" Peiping correspondent reports that the local German Bank is

advising all German clients to sell their holdings of Swedish kroner as soon as possible.

Swedes Fight For Finland

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 20 (UP).—Several corps of Swedish volunteers

will be ready within a few days to take up arms for Finland. They will be led by an ex-Swedish Army commander, General Ernst Linder.

There are approximately 5,000 men in the present group.

The total number who have volunteered to serve with the Finnish forces is 10,000.

NAZIS RE-FLOAT ARK ROYAL!

BERLIN, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The German Propaganda Ministry, which for weeks past, had been reporting that the Ark Royal was sunk, to-day admitted that the ship is still afloat and in service.

The statement was made in a message from Rio de Janeiro to the semi-official "Trans-Ocean" news service, which stated that the Ark Royal and Renown left Rio after a brief stay.

S.O.S. For Stolen Motor Car

An urgent appeal was issued early this afternoon by the traffic department of the Police Office concerning the theft of a Morris Eight, two-seater car, painted green, which was taken from outside of Sincere's store about midday.

The number of the car is 2103, and the police ask anybody who sees it to notify them immediately.

LATEST

WAR-TIME BILL FOR SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A bill giving the Government wide powers in times of war or a threat of war, was introduced in the Riksdag yesterday by the Minister of Justice.

The bill aims at offences liable to endanger the defence of the kingdom, national supply, and friendly relations with foreign States.

One of its main objects is to prevent the passing of secret information to unauthorised persons.

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Further Late News

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A LOOK AT THE COLONY'S SHOPS

CHRISTMAS shoppers, so intent on their job, are a Christmas entertainment.

A reporter took a stand for an hour in each of four big Hongkong stores, observing shoppers.

Later, the results were tabulated.

1. Nine out of ten were women.
2. One-third were accompanied, chiefly by women; sometimes by children; rarely by men.
3. Not one man was accompanied by another.
4. Only one shopper in 20 carried a parcel.

Conversation was practically nil. It is only when you settle down to exact observation that you realise what a strong silent Englishwoman the Hongkong shopper can be.

Price, First And Last

Here are typical specimens of shoppers' talk:

"How much?"
"Perfectly sweet."
"No, not stripes."
"Is it British made?"
"Er—"

Woman's buying technique is entirely different from man's. Women approach the goods first and look for the price ticket; men approach the assistant and ask the price after they have made their selection.

Mirror Lure

The time element with men was a mere fraction compared with women.

One woman, an extreme example, took 25 minutes to select a \$5 scarf. The quickest purchase by a man was a woman's \$50 dressing-case in 34 minutes.

Men walked in the centre of the aisles. Women edged along the counters examining as they went.

At one counter containing comb, brush and mirror sets, one woman in every three picked up one of the mirrors and had a good look at her face.

A Note On Notes

Among 30 enquiries made, six were for the book department, 19 for the toys, three for linens, and two for bicycles.

The six for the book department were all made by young people. Most shoppers seemed to know what they wanted, and to carry the knowledge in their heads.

Only seven people with shopping lists were noted—four of them men.

LETTERS

Americanisms

To the Editor,
"Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir—Hongkong is supposed to be a British Colony, and it is therefore with surprise, and, if I may say so, without hurting the feelings of our American friends, that one appears at times to be living in an outpost of the United States.

On all sides one hears Chinese speaking English with an American accent, no great harm in that, perhaps, but more insidious is the daily crop of American words, expressions, and spelling which appears in print.

Advertisements are largely blame, but I am sorry to see that our daily newspapers, far from being uncorrupt in this respect, (as, being moulders of public opinion, they should be), are themselves almost the worst offenders.

I will name but a few examples, culled from the columns of one of our newspapers during the past week or so—"Fiber," "Gasoline," "Blow"—and "Billion."

Now, Sir, to write headlines about "Twenty Billion Yen," or dollars, or what-have-you, may make impressive reading, but on delving into the smaller print one discovers that the amount in question is Twenty Thousand Million—what-nots.

It is perfectly true that a billion in America, and, for that matter in France, is a thousand million, but in Great Britain it is million million, a sum a thousand times as great, and I cannot for the life of me see why we should adopt American, (or even French), standards of notation.

Moreover, it is productive of misunderstanding. If you say 20 thousand million everyone knows what you mean, even though our American visitors may wonder why you don't call it 20 billion; but if you do call it 20 billion one cannot tell whether you mean American or British billions.

I do not want to start a controversy about the relative merits or superiority of British or American spelling, expressions, or notation, but since we are living in a British Colony, may I beg you, Sir, to give the lead in writing the English language in the way which is at present accepted as correct in the home of that language—England?

(Oxford Dictionary defines "billion" as "10¹²," or a million million, the second power of a million. It is derived from France, which recognises a billion as a thousand million, as do the United States, Japan, at least Australia, and Canada among the British Dominions, and other countries. We do not believe it is incorrect to use the word to indicate "a thousand million" when we are referring to the countries in which it is used in that sense. The "Telegraph" knows of no Hongkong newspaper intentionally using the examples of Americanisms quoted by "Briton"—Ed.)

SONGS THAT HAIL CHRISTMAS

(Continued from Page 6.)

were to greet the blessed morning. Wondering why the sacristan had failed to do so, he lighted the candles himself.

UP the road marched the Round-head host, silent, stern, and determined to make havoc of those they called idol-worshipping heathens. As they came in sight of the church, its lights flashed out over the snow and stirred them to fresh anger.

"Death to those Papists!" exclaimed the leader, rushing up to the door.

The Charm of a Boy's Voice

But there was no enemy to slay—only a fair-haired lad who was singing a carol.

When he ended, there was a strange sight: every armed man had bared his head and fallen upon his knees. Then all silently departed. The boy had not even seen them!

But soon he grew tired of waiting for the other singers and left for home, wondering if the Christ Child would know that he had tried to sing his best; wondering why the angels had not come; and wondering, also, why the snow was tramped down and why there were so many footprints about the church door.

He did not know that he was, himself, mistaken for the Christ Child. MAY NEVILL.

STOCK EXCHANGE CLOSES QUIETLY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange closed quietly after earlier irregularity induced by small profit-taking sales.

Of the commodities, cotton eased on general liquidation, which disclosed a poor take-off.

Wall Street was irregular.

Rise In Silver

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (UP).—The rise in the price of "foreign silver" is attributed to Indian interests.

Informed circles believe that India has worked out an arrangement under which she will grant import licences in exchange for purchase of silver in New York.

One-Cent Advance
NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—According to local banking circles, today's further one-cent advance in the silver price was caused by heavy speculative buying in India and, to a lesser degree, in London.

Confused by the European war trends, Indians are reported to be converting their currencies into silver bars for hoarding.

Canadian Gives War Hospital

TORONTO, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—A private citizen of Toronto has given \$150,000 (about £30,000) to pay for a hospital in Buckinghamshire, England.

Canada will thus have its first war hospital overseas.

The gift was made to the Toronto branch of the Red Cross Society.

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Dec. 20 (UPI).—It is understood that Mr. C. P. Francisco, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, has handed a note to Mayor Fu Siao-an amounting to practically a complete refusal to the Mayor's proposal for policing the outside roads. Informed circles said the reply was couched in extremely diplomatic language, but that it is believed to have rejected the alleged proposals by the Mayor for dual policing of the roads.

Further the note denied the right of the Special City Government to demand taxes for the outside roads. Meanwhile the French police continue to police the roads and also to handle the traffic control in most of the main outside roads.

U.S.\$20,016,000 FOR DEFENCES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (UPI).—As the result of the award of a gigantic aircraft construction contract by the U.S. Navy Department, the U.S. Treasury will be asked this week to issue a cheque for US\$20,016,000—one of the biggest single cheques drawn for defence purposes this year.

The contract has been awarded to the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation, which proved the successful among several tenderers for the construction of new warplanes.

GESTAPO CHIEF IN ITALY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Dec. 20. (Domei).—Herr Himmler, chief of the Gestapo, unexpectedly arrived here from Berlin to-day.

It is understood that he will make arrangements for a meeting between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini.

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Lord Chatfield, the Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, broadcasting last night, said that the reason Germany had not launched either a land attack against the Allied forces or a vast air assault on Britain was because she had not got the confidence that she could thus succeed.

One of the vital chapters of the war was now being written. Whatever she might say, Germany needed a short war and her move was to break the British Navy's grip on her supplies and defeat us where we were most vulnerable yet strongest—on the sea.

When Germany signed the convention to use submarines and mines lawfully, she had not the slightest intention of keeping her word.

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The Army was the last to come into the field of war, but it might well be the Army on which we would finally rely to bring us victory.

The Home Front
Referring to the Home front, Lord Chatfield said: "We too have a great responsibility. It is not only

Turkish Economic Mission Successes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent learns in well-informed quarters that a Turkish Economic Mission, headed by M. Memmen Cigdem, which left London for Ankara, was very well satisfied with the results of its visit to London.

Negotiations were conducted in an atmosphere of mutual comprehension and confidence.

Danish Steamer Is Sunk

OSLO, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The Danish steamer Mars has been sunk by a German mine in the North Sea. Six survivors have been landed. Seven men are believed to have been killed.

You May Not Know—

That the Nazis, recently boasted that South-West Africa would soon have a German Governor again.

The boast was made by Herr Lierau, German consul at Windhoek, S.W. Africa, who before he went to Africa was active in Sudetenland.

South-West Africa, now administered by the Union of South Africa under a League of Nations mandate, has a population of 333,000 Africans and 32,000 Europeans, of whom 9,600 are Germans.

About half the Germans are naturalised South Africans. It is the other half who cause all the trouble.

They are organised in two bodies—the Deutsche Südwest Bund and the Pathfinders (for the German youth).

Leader of the Bund is Dr. Hirsckorn, who might be described as Nazi Gauleiter for the colony.

War Nearly Started In S.W. Africa, Says Smuts

STANDERTON, Transvaal, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—If the South African Government had not taken over the Police of South-West Africa, the world war might have broken out, not in Poland, but in South Africa, declared General Jan Smuts, the South African Premier, in a speech to his constituents.

General Smuts added that but for the Government's quick action, an outbreak of war might have occurred on the borders of South Africa.

Germany had followed in South-West Africa the same technique of undermining and breaking the spirits and independence of the people as she had done in Austria and Czechoslovakia.

Independence Threatened
If Germany had regained South-West Africa, there was no doubt that the freedom and independence of South Africa would not have lasted long.

Lord applause greeted General Smuts' remark that Germany, as a neighbour, was a threat but that England was South Africa's greatest friend.

General Smuts declared that there was very strong documentary evidence to show how German eyes had been on South Africa, who possessed her former colonies.

Wants World Domination
Germany was out not merely to remove old wrongs but to seize all the neighbouring nations and then to dominate the world.

Regarding the question of independence, General Smuts said that no small nation could safeguard its freedom on its own feet.

If South Africa seceded from the Empire, she would have to seek the guarantee of a great Power and the only one possible was Britain.

A motion of confidence in General Smuts was given with acclamation.

Political writers describe the meeting as a great personal triumph for General Smuts, showing that his policy is increasingly supported as it becomes understood and the world situation develops.

Raid On Nazis
JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The Police to-day carried out raids on German organisations in South Africa, seizing a large number of documents.

Philippine Typhoon

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MANILA, Dec. 21 (UPI).—The Province of Cebu is still cut off following the typhoon and floods of the week-end, and authorities fear there will be epidemics and famine.

Eighteen hundred people are homeless at Iligan, Isabela Province, due to the floods. The Postmaster at that point reported that several persons were killed, and the crop damage is enormous. The flood waters have not receded.

The Philippine Chapter of the American Red Cross has appealed for additional funds and food.

PROTEST TO BELLIGERENTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A joint protest to Britain, France and Germany against the violations of the Panama Conference Neutrality Zone is expected to be lodged within the next 48 hours.

Mr. Cordell Hull stated that four incidents had occurred recently and the issue was now coming to a head.

It was indicated by the State Department that consultations between the 21 countries of the Western Hemisphere were rapidly going forward and that a joint demarche may be expected soon.

FRENCH C-IN-C. IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 20 (British Wire- less).—Admiral Darlan, Commander-in-Chief of the French Navy, arrived in London to-day for consultations with the Board of Admiralty on questions of co-operation between the British and French naval forces.

Admiral Darlan was accompanied by Rear-Admiral De Gouton and two staff officers. Admiral Darlan is the first French naval officer to hold the fleet in the French Navy.

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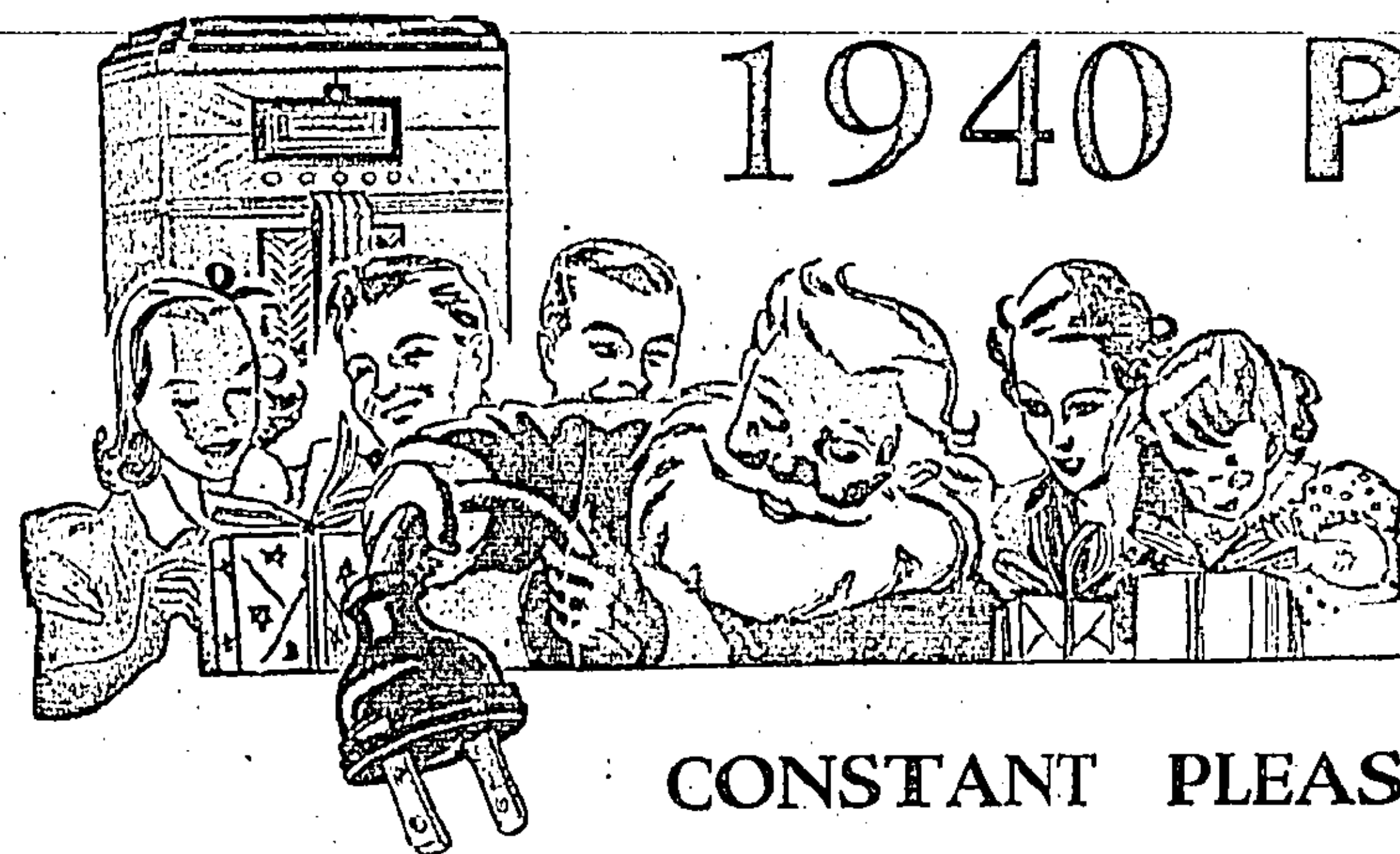
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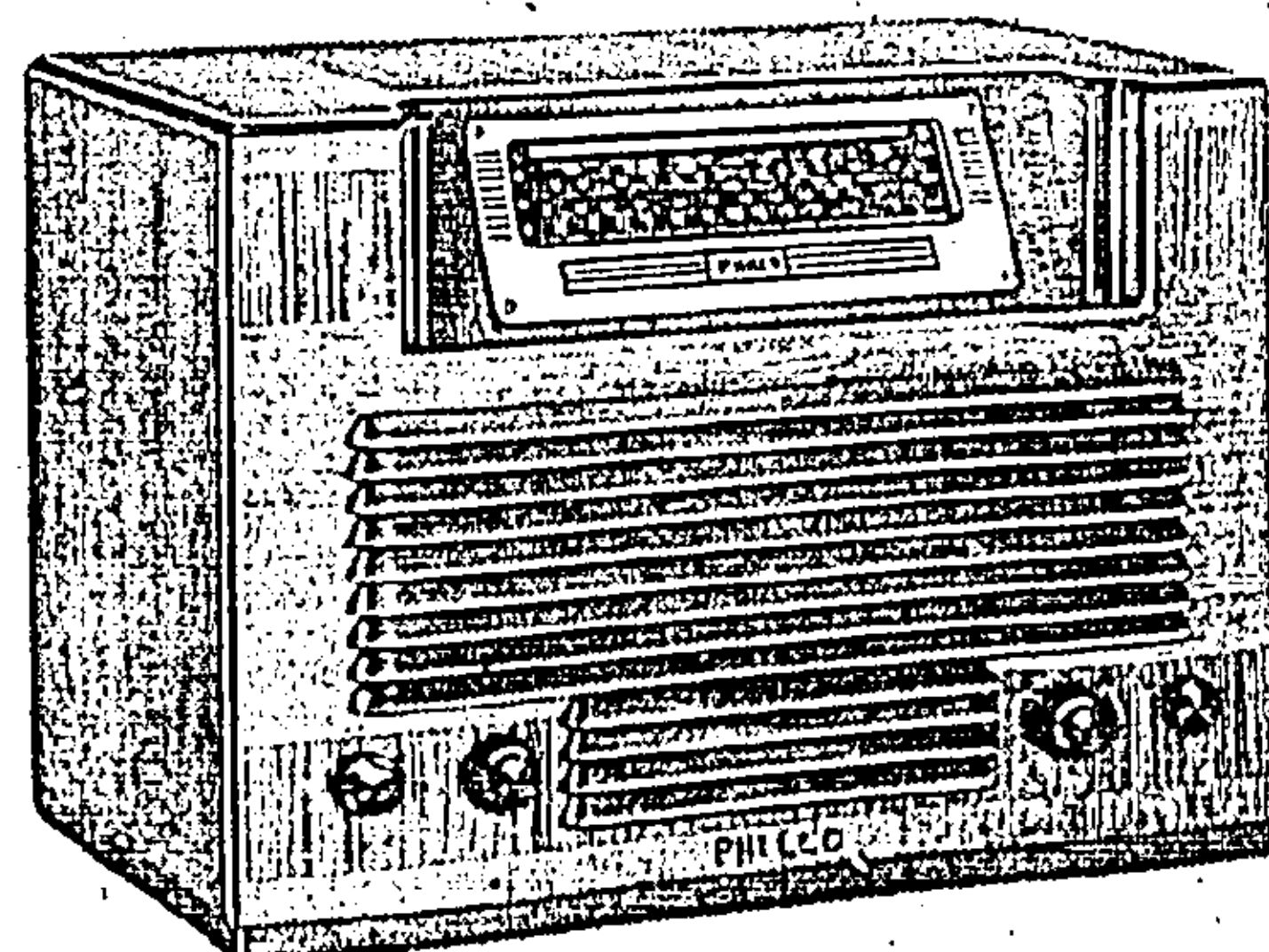
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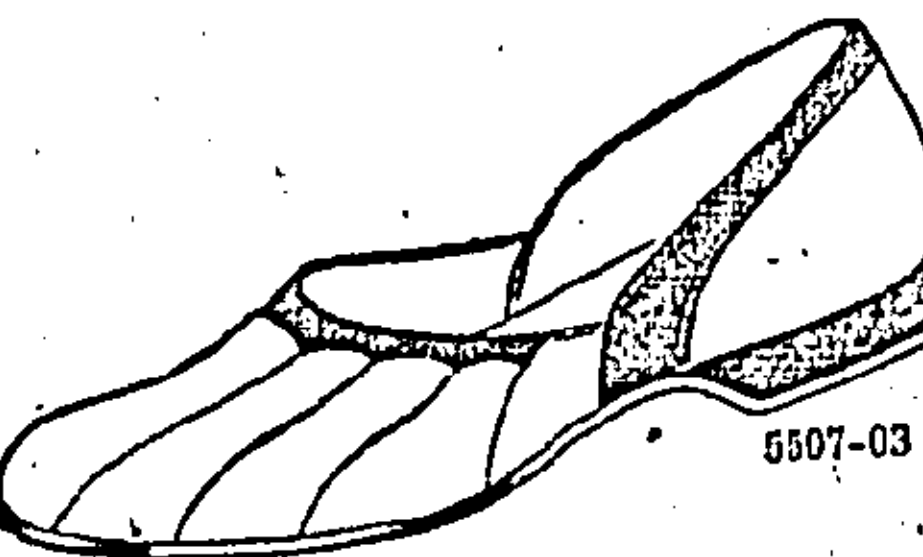
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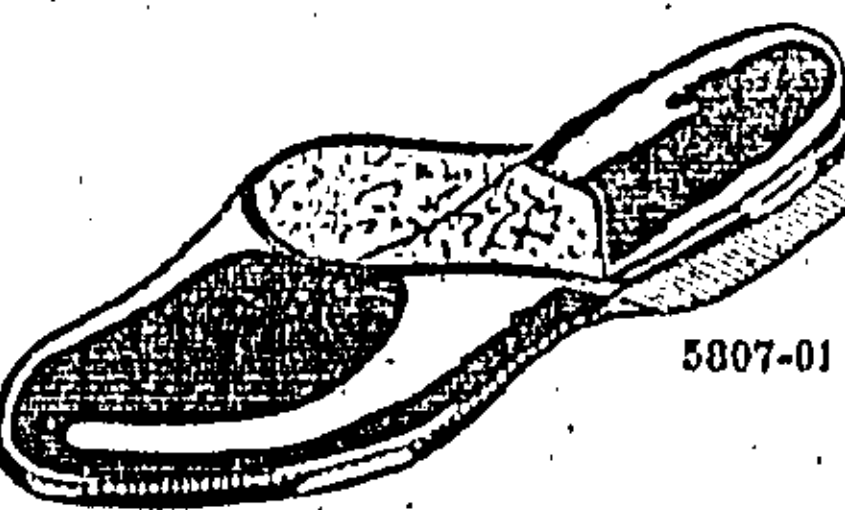


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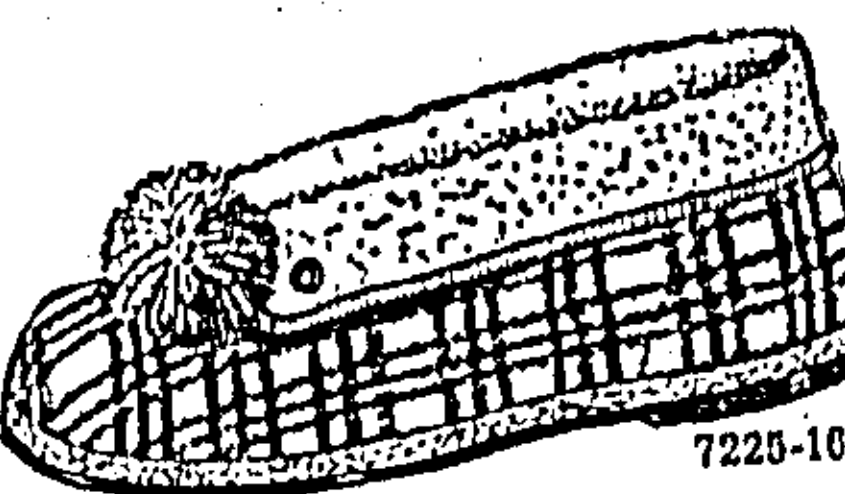
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By Order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN V. BRAGA,
Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, 15th November, 1939.

Fighting Imminent?

The probability of resumption of large-scale military activities on the Hongkong border has loomed again. Although the Hongkong Military authorities have no precise information, it is confirmed in Chinese circles that the Japanese garrison has been considerably strengthened.

It is stated that fresh Japanese troops have been landing at several points near Hsin Day. According to Chinese fishermen, the number so far disembarked since last Friday is about 10,000.

The object of the landing is uncertain, but Chinese circles are inclined to believe that an exceptionally large force of guerrillas and irregulars has been concentrating in the area between Sheklung, Po On and Wuchow with the object of recapturing Shumchun, Shantou and Nantun, and driving the Japanese completely out of the border region. This secret concentration which had been proceeding during the past two months, apparently became known and the Japanese have taken swift precautions.

Whether the intended Chinese offensive will be staged in view of the latest developments is uncertain, but intensified guerrilla warfare along the whole of the border during the next week or two is highly probable, according to Chinese sources.

It is most disturbing to the Japanese is the source of supply of the arms and equipment of the guerrillas. Villagers declare that Japanese patrols have been questioning hundreds of them without success. Japanese motor launches and trawlers have been patrolling the waters around Hongkong and the mouth of the Pearl River in ever increasing numbers. They stop and search every junk and fishing boat, but so far have not been able to seize any contraband. Several junks, it is alleged, have been sunk for failing to stop when requested.

A villager recently arrived from Chungshan stated that most of the newly arriving arms, including rifles, automatic pistols, revolvers, trench mortars and grenades were of German make—proof that they are from the interior.

EXTRA- SETTLEMENT

Settling Policing Question With Puppet Mayor
Shanghai, Dec. 20.
The Shanghai Municipal Council's reply to the puppet Mayor Fu Siao-en's proposals on the outside roads policing question was handed to Mr. Fu Siao-en last night when a call was made on him by Mr. Cornell S. Franklin, Chairman of the Council, and Mr. Godfrey Phillips, Secretary of the Council.

Commander Neyrone, Italian

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Area in Acres	Upset Price
1	109	Mount Cameron Road, Lot No. 413.	As per sale plan.	About 10,300	2.42	\$915

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	App. Rent								
2	No. 110.	North-east of Rural Building Lot No. 397, South Bay Road, Repulse Bay.	<table><tr><td>N.</td><td>S.</td><td>E.</td><td>W.</td></tr><tr><td>feet</td><td>feet</td><td>feet</td><td>feet</td></tr></table>	N.	S.	E.	W.	feet	feet	feet	feet	About 6,200	\$14
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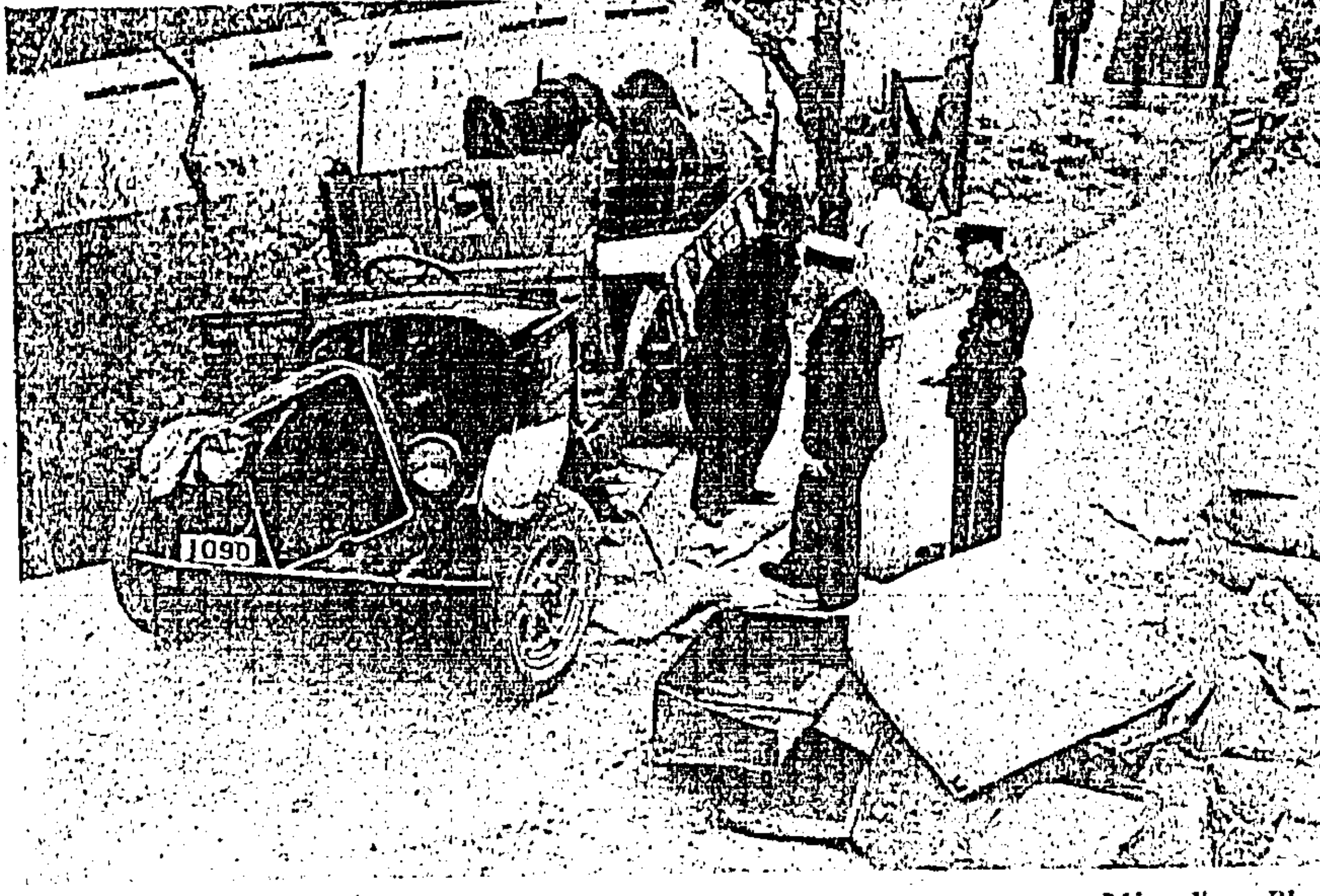
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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS
H.K. Banks, \$.....1,340 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.).....£82 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.).....£84 1/2 n.
Chartered.....37 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £.....29 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. £.....11 1/2 n.
East Asia.....75 n.

INSURANCES
Union.....210 n.
China Underwriter.....405 b.
H.K. Fire.....190 n.

SHIPPING
Douglaz.....71 1/2 b.
Shearwater.....11 n.
Indo-China P.S.....90 n.
Indo-China D.S.....60 n.
Shells (Bearers) s/-.....81 1/3 n.
Waterboats.....8.10 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves.....102 b.
Docks.....10.50 b.
New Eng. Sh.....4.60 n.
New Eng. Sh.....10.80 n.
Sh. Docks Sh.....195 n.

MINING
Kailan s/-.....17.1/2 n.
Rauha s. ex. div.....10.10 n.
Venz. Gold.....4 n.
H.K. Mines.....4 cts. n.

LANDS
Hotels.....5.05 s.
Lands.....34 s.
Lands 4% Deb. s.....100 n.
Shai Lands Sh.....11 n.
Humphreys.....8.00 n.
H.K. Estates.....4.40 n.
Chinese Estates s. ex. div.....101 n.

UTILITIES
Trams.....16.90 sa.
Peak Trams (old).....8 n.
Peak Trams (new).....4 n.
Star Ferries.....60 1/2 b.
Y. Ferries.....22 1/2 b.
China Lights (old).....8.10 b.
China Lights (new).....5.5 b.
H.K. Electric.....53 b.
Macao Electric.....18 1/2 n.
Sandalan Lights ex. div.....11.00 n.
Telephones (old).....25 s.
Telephones (new).....3.75 n.
Traction s/-.....18 1/3 n.
Traction s/-.....18 1/3 n.

INDUSTRIALS
Cold. Macq. (Ord.), Sh. s.....14.80 n.
Cold Macq. (Pref.), Sh. s.....13 n.
Canton Irons.....1 n.
Cements.....10 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes.....0 n.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Sh. s.....20 1/2 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. s. ex. div.....162 n.
Zong Sing, Sh. s.....42 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. s.....48 1/2 n.

MISC.
H.K. Entertainment s.....6.75 sa.
Constructions (old) s.....1.75 b.
Constructions (new) s.....1 n.
Vibro Piling s.....8 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925.....47 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan.....100 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 % Loan.....87 1/2 n.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/-.....14 1/2 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-.....4 n.

CENTENARY STAMPS
Suggestions from Public
Will be Welcomed

Government still has under consideration the Hongkong postage stamps which are to be issued in commemoration of the Colony's centenary in 1941.

It is understood that suggested designs are being studied. There will very probably be six stamps ranging up to \$1. The most popular idea appears to be scenic reproductions, but it is the desire that the design be also symbolic of the progress made since 1841.

Government does not propose to hold a competition, but in reply to an inquiry it was said that suggestions would be welcomed.

NAVAL PROMOTION

Rear Admiral R. V. Holt
Now Vice-Admiral

Shanghai, Dec. 20.
Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt, Senior British Naval Officer on the Yangtze, has been promoted to Vice-Admiral of His Majesty's Fleet to take effect from December 15, 1939.—Reuter.

ARMY CAR SOMERSAULTS ON PEAK

Chinese Sappers Have Miraculous Escape

Seven Chinese sappers of the Royal Engineers were injured and taken to the Queen Mary Hospital this morning when the lorry in which they were travelling to the Peak leapt over a 15 foot embankment, and turned a complete somersault before landing on its four wheels.

The driver, Leung Shui-wai, 22, escaped with a few scratches, while four other sappers were badly shaken. The vehicle was an open type United Delivery lorry which was under contract to the Military and was proceeding to the Peak with the sappers and a load of sandbags.

Steering Locked

The driver stated that he was turning from the lower part of Subba Road at the bend of the petrol station to go up Stubbs Road, when the steering locked, and the vehicle went over before he could straighten it.

The incident occurred about ten minutes past eight, and Traffic Inspector Saunders and Sub-Inspector

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand do.	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	1/2 1/2
T.T. Singapore	305
T.T. Japan	103 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	48 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	108 1/2
T.T. Saigon	108 1/2
T.T. France	10.50
T.T. Switzerland	107 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/10 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3 1/4
4 m/L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	11.45
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.95

Clarke were on the scene a few minutes later.

Damage to the lorry consisted of a smashed radiator and bonnet, front mudguards crumpled, and the side of the lorry slightly torn.

HOCKEY IN MACAO

University Beat Lyceum, But Lost To Macao H.C.

MACAO, Dec. 20.—With the visit to Macao of the Hongkong University eleven yesterday and to-day, hockey has been "all the go" in sports circles here, and large crowds turned out to witness the matches played against the local strength.

In the first match played yesterday, the University met the Macao Lyceum team, and succeeded in defeating the local side by 3-1.

The visitors set out in a brisk attack and drew blood only a minute from bully-off, when K. S. On dribbled through and took a fast shot at goal. Pegging away at the University citadel, the Lyceum brought the game up to a lively pace. Led by G. Silva, centre-forward, the local forwards pressed for an opening, and were rewarded after ten minutes when a brilliant shot by G. Silva found the net.

Scores thus evened, the University half-backs were soon to advantage. In stick-work and placing, Abraham was extremely creditable, and a fine understanding featured Lingam, Oh, and Hans Raj, forwards.

Following the interval, the visitors augmented their score when Tan took the ball through on his own and aimed between the posts beyond Eusebio, custodian. Tan was responsible for the last goal when he took a neat pass from Oh.

HALF-BACKS IMPRESS

The Lyceum team impressed as a side with definite possibilities, and was particularly formidable in the half-back line, with Trigo Silva, pivot. The forwards were hardworking but unlucky before their opponents' goal, both G. Silva and Rodrigues narrowly missing the net. The defect of the Lyceum forwards seemed to lie in passing rather than trying at goal when well within shooting range.

Following the match, a presentation of a handsome pennant in honour of the occasion was made to the University team by Mr. F. Lara Reis, President of the Lyceum Scholars Association.

University—Gupta; Liaw, Low; Mahmoud, Abraham, Soares; Tan, Lingam, Oh, Hans Raj (Capt.), and Chin.

Lyceum—Eusebio; J. V. Rosario, Basto; J. Silva, Trigo Silva, Almeida; Rocha, A. Silva, G. Silva (Capt.), Rodrigues, and Banares.

Macao Club Win

IN TO-DAY'S MATCH, the Macao Hockey Club defeated the University by three clear goals. The local side was drawn from players of the first and second divisions.

Play was extremely fast from the outset, neither side conceding anything up to the final whistle. A feature of the play was the excellent stick-work of the local forwards, who were ably supported by their defence throughout.

The score opened within ten minutes when Ferreira made a lightning run in a fine solo effort on the opposition defence.

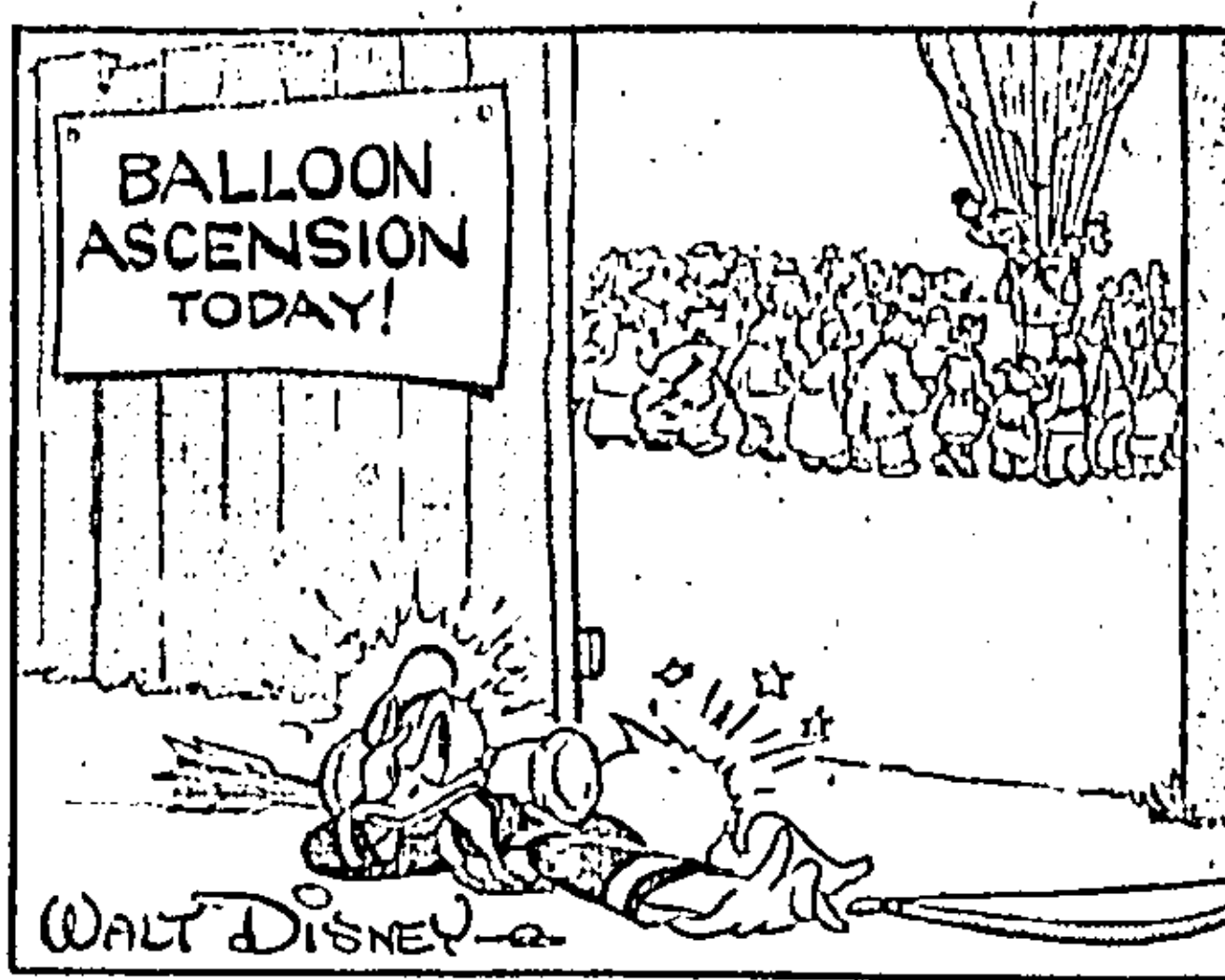
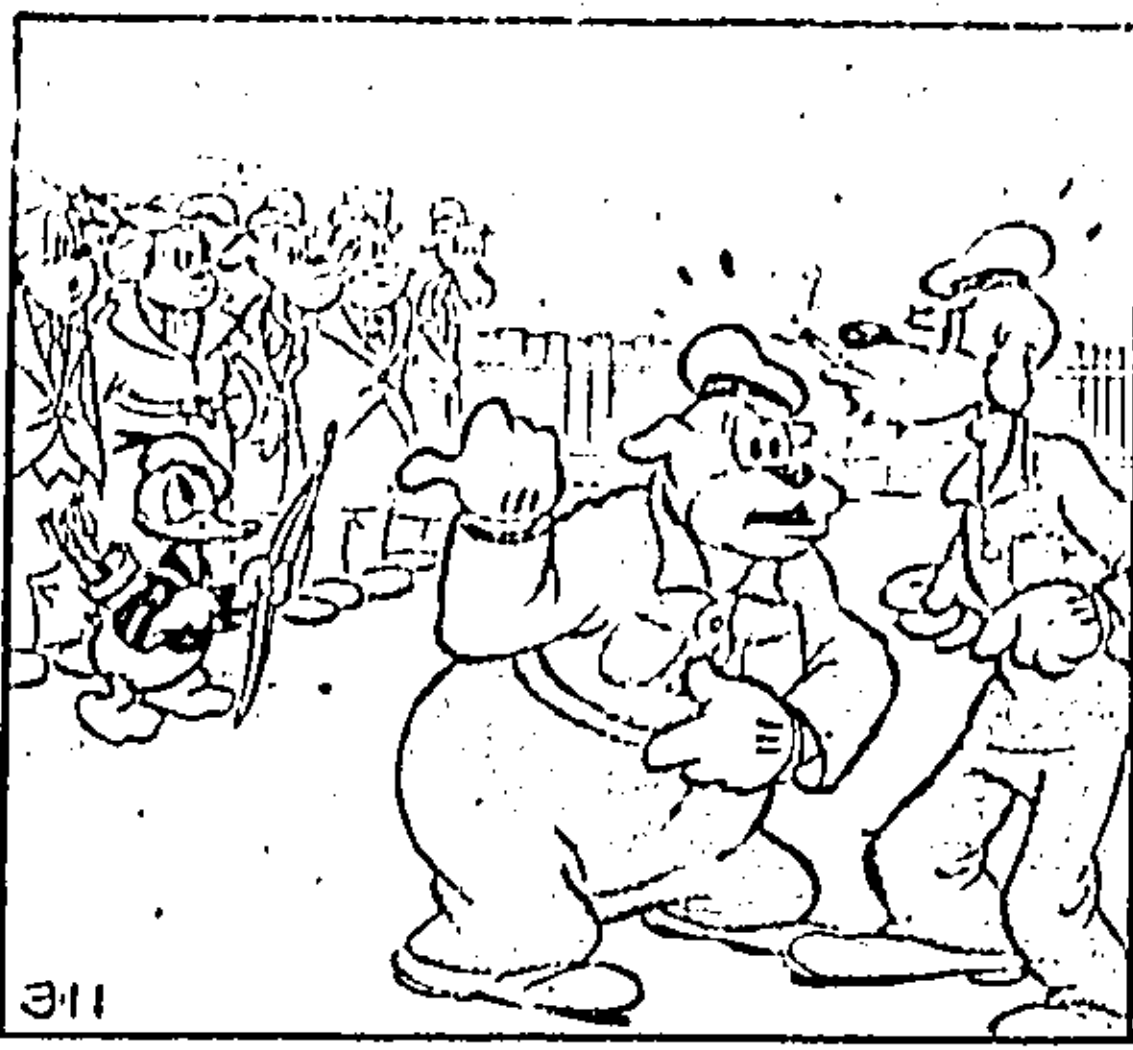
The University forwards fought doggedly, and with amazing coolness. Abraham kept robbing his opponents of the ball, and fed his forwards with well-placed passes. However, Oh and Hans Raj were carefully marked by the Macao defence, who determinedly resisted their frequent raids. The University was unfortunate to miss three good chances to score.

The excellent harmony of the local forwards was chiefly responsible for Macao's success over the visitors. Whenever the flankers passed to centre, the inside trio worked with an impulse which was at once challenging and speedy, and Gupta was extremely alert at goal, intercepting some difficult shots.

Alrosa scored the second goal for Macao off a pass from Angelo, while the final goal was registered by Albert Alrosa after the interval. Trigo Silva and Rosario gave a good account of themselves in the local defence.

University—Gupta; Liaw, N. H. Low; Lee, Abraham, N. W. Low;

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INTERNING OF CREW
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A spokesman of the Ministry of Propaganda told "United Press" on Tuesday night that he had not yet received any official news of the internment and therefore could make no comment.

Well-informed quarters in Berlin believe it is possible that the German Government will protest against the internment.

None of the morning papers mention either the sinking of the Columbus or the internment of the Graf Spee's crew.

It is pointed out, however, that the German policy has always been to scuttle vessels in order to prevent their falling into enemy hands.

Officers on parole.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The Argentine Government will pay the interned crew of the Graf Spee 100,000 pesos or nearly £2,000 a month.

Expenses of the internment will be charged to the German Government. The officers will remain at Buenos Aires on parole, and the men will be interned in the country but will be allowed certain liberties.

Action A Classic.

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Referring to the Battle of the River Plate to-day Lord Chelmsford, Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, said: "If they could not knock a giant out, they may have knocked him through the ropes and he failed to return to the ring."

"The action was a classic and will go down in history."

"There are many more in the Navy like Harwood and his men, anxious to be led to victory."

The battle was an example not only of courage but that immeasurable quality—fighting efficiency.

It was our surest and most reliable weapon which had never failed us.

By defeating the enemy on the

DARDANUS
BACKBullet-Riddled Plane
Flown Here

The bullet-riddled Imperial Airways plane Dardanus was flown back to Kai Tak from Fort Bayard yesterday for further repairs. Capt. J. Wilson piloted the plane accompanied by Messrs. French and Cresbie of the Imperial Airways staff.

The 50 odd bullet holes in the fuselage and wings were patched with dark fabric and the spots which had been almost eaten through by the stream of bullets had been replaced at Fort Bayard. It was discovered after the plane had been flown from Welchow that the Japanese had only patched up the holes, but had not repaired any of the spurs shot away under the fabric. For this reason the wings were in danger of folding up.

Examination of the aircraft at Kai Tak yesterday revealed there were about six holes in the rear freight compartment. These bullets had perforated mull from Hongkong. There were also several holes in the passengers' seats, beneath which the passengers in the plane were forced to crouch to avoid being hit.

There were two holes through the walls of the lavatory and many in the sound proof packing round the passengers' cabin. It is expected that a number of bullets will be found lodged in this packing when it is removed for examination.

The plane will have to be sent to Singapore for complete overhaul and renewal of parts.

seems, we were laying the foundations of victory, and securing that all future military operations could safely be conducted.

AFGHANS CALL UP
TROOPS

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Treaty whereby Russia will attempt an invasion of India through Afghanistan.

Following the mobilisation, Afghanistan has increased its forces on its northern front.

The population of Afghanistan is approximately ten million. A strategic Russian railway skirts its northern frontier.

Britain and Afghanistan have a pact under which each agrees to help maintain the status quo in both India and Afghanistan.

Afghanistan has a regular army of 130,000, all of whom are volunteers. Its air force comprises only six planes.

"Scotland Yard"
For Africa

PRETORIA, (U.P.).—A special police branch, shaped to some extent on the special branch of Scotland Yard in Britain, has been created in South Africa to deal with underground movements in the Union, as well as with such bodies as the greyshirts, the brownshirts and other Fascist organisations.

STALIN HONOURED

CHUNGKING, Dec. 20.
The Sino-Soviet Cultural Relations Institute will hold a tea reception here in honour of M. Stalin on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday anniversary to-morrow. A telegram of felicitation was sent to the Soviet leader.—Central News.

Lesson Of
FinlandPhilippines Sees Hope
For Successful Defence

Manila, Dec. 20.

In an editorial on the completion of the military training of 20,000 additional Filipinos for raising the reserve strength to 120,000, the Philippine Herald compares Finland's military strength with the Philippines contemplated 1940 strength of 360,000 reserves, a 20,000-man standing army, and a few torpedo boats which "bolsters our belief in the ability of the Philippines to maintain national security."

"United, Finland will be eventually reduced, but what interests us is the fact that Finland's performance so far has borne out the basic theory that our defence, namely a defended shore, is virtually impregnable. No Russian landing so far has been made by sea, and the only Soviet gains have been made on land."

Chinese Nervous

Manila, Dec. 20.

The former Ambassador at Washington and president of the board of the Philippine Bank of Communications, Mr. C. T. Wang, the Chinese Consul General, Mr. C. Kuangning Young, and the President of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Senor Alfonso Sycep, conferred with President Quezon.

There has been no announcement, but it is reliably stated that they discussed the Commonwealth's plan for gradual nationalisation of the retail trade, of which Chinese merchants at present control 80 per cent.

It is recalled that the Chinese Consul General recently issued a memorandum to Mr. Sayre, Philippine High Commissioner, contending that the plan would violate the Sino-American treaties.

SOVIET ATTACKS
COLLAPSE

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ruins after Red bombers had passed over.

The class of 1899 has now been called to the colours by the Finnish Government.

Fighting At Standstill

Fighting in the north has been brought to a standstill by the severe weather. It was 54 degrees below zero at mid-day yesterday, and there were blinding snowstorms sweeping the Arctic Zone.

Snowstorms are also raging on the Eastern Front, where the Russian forces endeavouring to cut Finland's "waist" have been reinforced.

Information is scanty but one report states that two Red Army regiments ordered to storm a Finnish defence post were wiped out.

It is now officially claimed that the Russian battleship, "October Revolution," was badly damaged by coastal batteries but not sunk.

Big Air Attacks
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 20 (U.P.).—It is officially stated that Russian troops, supported by hundreds of tanks and under cover of massed air squadrons estimated at 250 bombers made one of their heaviest attacks of the war during the past 48 hours on the Karelian front.

The attack was centred on the 15 mile stretch between Lakes Muola and Isank, where the Finns have a triple line of fortifications.

It is reliably reported that two Soviet regiments have been wiped out in the Savykoski region where the Finns were aided by a snowstorm and bitter cold.

The Finns claim they captured 10 tanks and downed 20 planes in last Tuesday's fighting on the Karelian Isthmus in which they said the Russians used 30 ton tanks.

Meanwhile, thousands of fresh Soviet troops and a large number of new tanks are reported to have arrived on the central front, presaging a major Soviet offensive.

Men born in 1899 have been called to the colours by Finland as the Russians begin the third week of incessant hammering on the Mannerheim Line.

ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE
CAPTAIN TAKES
HIS LIFE

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gether with members of the German colony here.

The remains are now lying in a sealed coffin in the Naval arsenal.

"Self-Immolation"

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—A German Embassy communique states: "The commander of the glorious cruiser, Admiral Graf Spee, Captain Langsdorff, last night sacrificed his life for his country by voluntary self-immolation."

"From the outset, he had decided to share the fate of his fine ship and only personal influences, and due consideration for his responsibility for the successful disembarkation of his crew of more than 1,000 men, led him to postpone fulfillment of his intention until his duty was done and his superiors fully informed of the situation."

"This mission ended, he bowed to destiny, a brave sailor who has written another page to the glory of the German Navy."

Before his suicide, Capt. Langsdorff wrote a letter to the German Ambassador in which he said that when he received the order to scuttle the Graf Spee he had intended, after disembarking the crew, to lie aboard in the explosion.

Hitler Branded

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued to-day states: "The news just received that Captain Langsdorff has committed suicide bears out the view previously taken that the scuttling of the Graf Spee was directly ordered by Hitler, and that her ignominious end is as great a violation of the traditions of the old German Navy as the cowardly sinking of defenceless merchantmen and trawlers."

Berlin Shocked

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—News of the Langsdorff suicide came as an unpleasant shock to German official circles, "Reuter" learns from Berlin.

The Propaganda Ministry has not yet decided whether or in what form the news can be published in the newspapers.

U.S. Denial
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (U.P.).—State Department officials deny reports from South America that the United States participated in Uruguay's decision to expel the Graf Spee and that they had promised to send a warship to help in the enforcement of the order.

They described the reports as being "absolutely baseless."

Fought At Jutland
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Dec. 20 (Domest).—Captain Langsdorff was 45 years old. He joined the German Navy in 1912 and during the Great War he took part in the Jutland Battle. He was appointed commander of the Graf Spee in October, 1938.

Langsdorff Leaves Three Notes
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20 (Domest).—A German Embassy official announced that Captain Langsdorff has left three letters addressed to the German Ambassador here, his wife and his parents respectively.

In the letter addressed to the German Ambassador, Captain Langsdorff explained the circumstances leading up to his delayed action and said that he had been ordered by Herr Hitler to survive with his crew, although he himself wanted to end his life with the sinking of his ship.

In pursuance of the Fuehrer's order, Captain Langsdorff further said, he had seen that all members of the crew had settled down and then, as he had fulfilled his duties, he had put his resolution to share the fate of his ship into practice.

Langsdorff Alive Rumours
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Argentinian newspapers publish reports this morning stating that it is being persistently rumoured that Captain Langsdorff was still well and alive hours after the German announcement of his suicide.

Enveloped In Swastika
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20 (U.P.).—It is learned from reliable sources that Captain Langsdorff, after writing farewell letters, enveloped himself in the German swastika flag, and reclined on the floor in a small office adjoining his bedroom before firing a bullet through his head.

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The Infant

NOWADAYS Christmas is for most people merely a holiday, not a holy day. The pagan features of the festival have become predominant; although, to be sure, they have been transmuted by the spirit of Christmas charity. The Church has always shown a far-seeing sagacity in adapting old pre-Christian observances in new and finer usages. Thus the universal custom of present-giving recalls one aspect of the Roman Saturnalia, a riotous week during which all social conventions were relaxed and dissolved into frivolity. Every citizen then expected to get presents from all his friends, and the plutocrat's poor clients give gifts they could ill afford—more often than not, no doubt, in the hopes of being remembered in his will.

Hongkong has supported generously during the past year the various organisations that are an outgrowth of the wars on two continents, and there is cause for satisfaction in noting the announcement earlier this week that the British War Organisation Fund now exceeds three lakhs.

At the same time, it is no disloyal or unworthy question to ask at this Season of Goodwill whether we are not forgetting that charity also begins at home; that in this Colony we have several organisations, living by hand-to-mouth even before the war in China and the war in Europe drained much of their revenue—a revenue upon whom Life itself verily depends.

One such organisation is the Society for the Protection of Children. We gave publicity to its annual report a few days ago; noted that the income of the families of those whom it is supporting is lowering than at any other period in its history; noted further that but for the generosity of an anonymous contributor, there would have been a heart-breaking deficit of some seven or eight hundred dollars.

This Society cannot distribute Christmas cheer to the people for whom it cares. It has, indeed, insufficient revenue to save the lives of any but the families whose income averages less than \$175 per month. It would be impossible to compute the number of infant lives the S.P.C. has saved with its milk and broths during the years of its existence. Even more impossible to compute are the number of lives

CHRISTMAS IN FINLAND

TRUDA PANET, A Hongkong lady who spent several years in Finland, tells "Telegraph" readers of Christmas in the land victimised by Russia.

DECEMBER 1 is called "Little Christmas" in Finland and a sort of minor Christmas spirit reigns from that date right through the month, till, when at last the 25th comes, one is tired out by the strain of keeping up, for so long, the festive atmosphere becoming the season.

Tired out, that is, if one is a foreigner. The Finns, like Germans and Scandinavians, love Christmas time so much that it is almost impossible for them to feel that it can be overcelebrated.

SHOULD snow fall in December in Helsinki, the charm of the scene of the market place can only be described by that hackneyed phrase... "like an old-fashioned Christmas card." The harbour is blotted out by a forest of fir trees that have been brought by sledge and boat to be bought by the townspeople. The stalls are decorated with coloured paper and bunting. Gay balloons hover overhead. The sun—though at this time of year it climbs scarcely higher than the roofs of the houses, does not rise till 11 o'clock and sets promptly at 3—glitters during its short workday, on the snowy roofs and trees.

Faces, whipped to red by the cold, smile out of fur caps and collars. The noisy cobbles are still by snow. No sound of traffic jars the ears. The jangle of sleigh bells and the hissing rattle of tyre chains are the only warnings of its presence in the streets. Car drivers are never, except in cases of emergency, allowed to use their horns in Helsinki, and the quiet is restful and most pleasant.

EVERY family in the town is buying its Christmas trees. The poorer people carry their own, father carrying the thicker end of the trunk, mother and children, beaming and gleeful, supporting the branches. The pavements are a tangle of pedestrians and horse-drawn carriages. Families hire a drosky or sleigh and troop proudly off holding an enormous tree upright over their heads.

Arrived at home, the fir tree is set in a stand in a favoured corner of the room and then decorated. Coloured candles, silver tinsel, any witch-balls, bright tinsel, and any other trappings over it and sweets and tiny presents labelled with the name of the recipient are hung on every twig. Bigger presents are draped round the foot. Then, for the two or three days that remain before Christmas Eve, the tree is not touched. The candles are lit, other lights in the room are extinguished, and an admiring crowd stare at the little points of lights till their eyes are tired and strained. What hurt looks the foreigner received, if she like him, turns away to rest her eyes too soon.

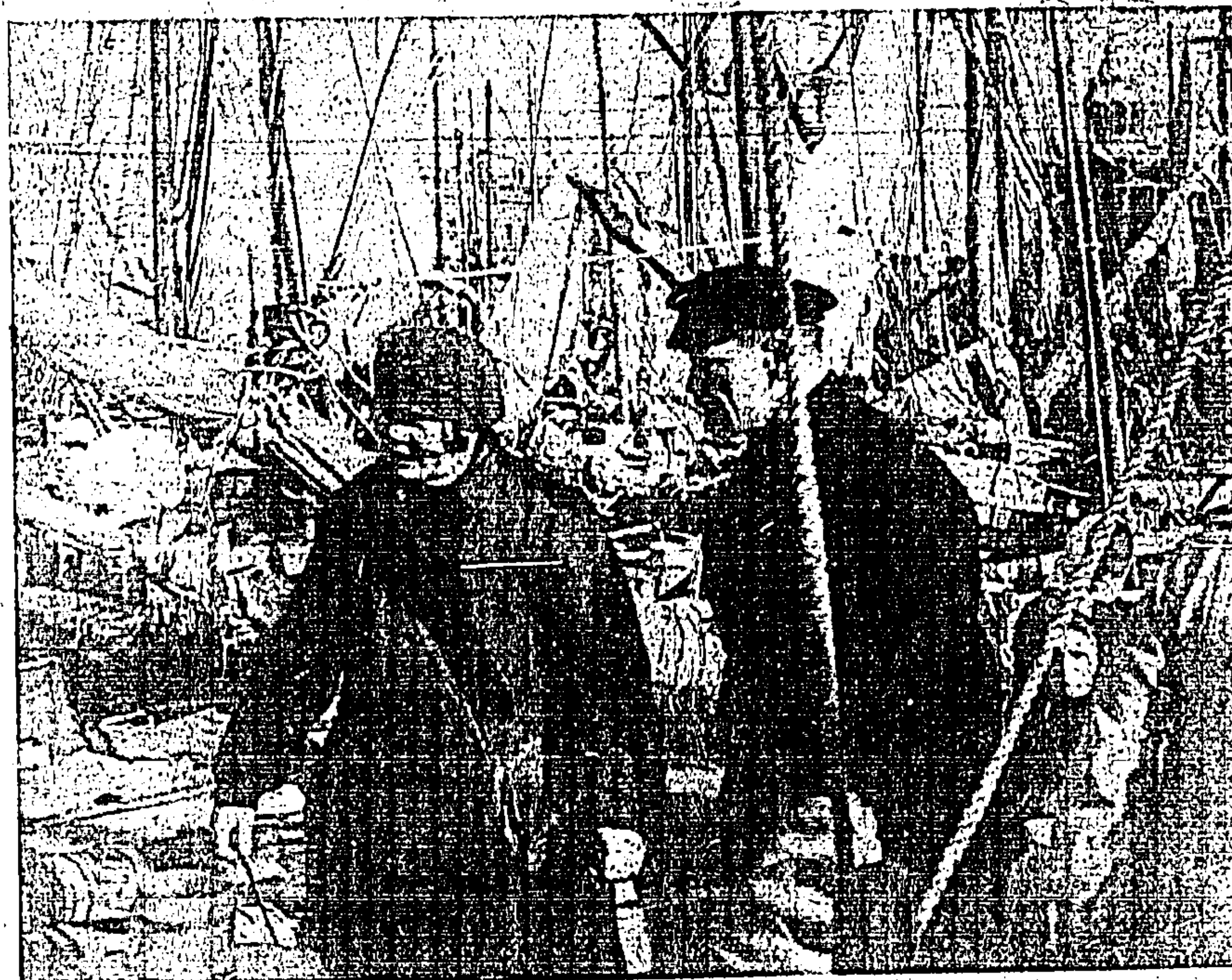
Christmas Day itself is a Sabbath to be kept in quiet and seclusion. All the festivities take place on Christmas Eve. All day long people pay brief visits to one another, carrying little presents and admiring their friends' decorated trees. Then, between three and five o'clock the Christmas dinner is served on a table decorated with red wooden triple candlesticks.

TO US, it seems a strange meal, but like ours, it is founded on old traditions handed down from generation to generation. First comes "lut-fisk" a sort of ling caught in the summer, dried, and soaked in water two or three days before cooking. It is slightly glutinous and eaten with white sauce. Then a hot delicious ham, served with prunes, which bring out its flavour wonderfully. French mustard and boiled potatoes. Next is a dish of rice, plain, boiled rice,

that have been sacrificed in this Colony where one of every three infants born dies on the altar of poverty and malnutrition before it attains the age of twelve months—sacrificed for want of the nourishing foods the S.P.C. is forced so sparingly to distribute because of lack of funds.

Particularly at this season, when we commemorate the birth of an Infant, we should remember that all creature comforts are divine gifts and should be shared with our less fortunate neighbours.

We should never be permitted to forget the sacred significance of the festival which commemorates the most wonderful event in the world's history.



made more palatable by powdered cinnamon. In the dish, however, large, is one single almond embedded. Whoever is fortunate enough to find that in his helping will be lucky for a whole year after. The last course consists of special three-cornered jam tarts of puff pastry.

After dinner, toasts and speeches comes the great moment of opening the presents. One by one the parcels from around the tree are given out and everyone watches the lucky recipient open it. Not till it has been admired by all is the next parcel handed over—so the enjoyment is prolonged for all. Sometimes the door is opened surreptitiously and a

large parcel skids across the polished floor, propelled by an unseen hand. It is all most simple and enjoyable. Crowned ups and children alike experience the same thrill and pleasure. Next day, Christmas Day, is spent in church-going and quiet family gatherings, and it is not until Boxing Day, as we call it, that parties are in full swing.

THE Christmas tree still retains its place of honour in the house. Every night that the family spends at home it is illuminated and gazed at. Then, on Twelfth Night, it is the centre of the last sad ceremony. All

its illuminations and decorations are stripped off and the family join hands and sing songs of farewell walking round and round the bare branches, rather brown and withered now. Regrettably, the servants remove it to be burnt, and then and only then, is the end of the long Christmas season in sight.

So the shortest, darkest days of the long Finnish winter are tidied over. After the New Year the days grow longer with such seeming rapidity that the coming of Spring, though still nearly five months ahead, seems within our grasp, so to speak, and the winter days, with their longer hours of sunshine grow pleasanter every week.

SONGS THAT HAIL CHRISTMAS

Interesting Facts About Carols

WHO sang the first Christmas carol? Properly speaking, it was sung by the angels whose voices filled the midnight air with music, when the shepherds arrived at the stable where lay the new-born King: "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace to men of goodwill."

If, however, as it is believed, the word carol signified originally a dance-song, in which the participants moved in unison, while a leader sang the verses and the company joined in chorus, we must seek later origin.

Before the establishment of the police force in England, watchmen or "wauls" were employed in every city to guard property. It was their duty to sound a horn or ring a bell every hour to let the citizens know all was well.

In the eighteenth century it became the custom for these men to play complete tunes on their instruments at Christmas time, and to call at each house on Christmas morning to collect money and presents from the people.

The year 1829, however, saw the establishment of the police force by Peel, henceforth ordinary individuals played and sang in place of the redundant watchmen. This was the origin of the Christmas "wauls."

Of Portuguese Origin

That most beautiful carol, the *Adeste Fideles*, which enjoys international and deathless popularity, is everywhere called the "Portuguese" hymn. By analogy with the "Sicilian Mariners' Air" it used to be sufficient to say that it was the most precious song of the Portuguese sailor. This

reference was dropped when Mr. Ward, Bishop of Brentwood, proved that the carol was sung in English-speaking countries for the first time at the Portuguese Embassy Chapel in South Street, Victoria, London.

In 1808, when Vincent Novello became organist there, he found the carol or hymn (at the time Christmas carols were unknown) and ascribed it to the seventeenth century John Reading, of the Chapel Royal.

As the leading figure of an extensive musical circle, Novello was able to popularise the tune in London and to make it known all over Europe and the States.

Many airs emanated from the Portuguese Embassy, yet the *Adeste Fideles* alone acquired the appellation "Portuguese." Why?

The truth is, the composer, Marcus Antonio, hailed from Portugal. Born in Lisbon in 1702, he completed his apprenticeship in his native city and became a prominent official of the Opera of Madrid. Here he completed his masterpiece, *Speranza*, from which the Portuguese national anthem is derived.

The *Adeste Fideles*, it is thought, was written about 1773. The author's intimate connection with various Continental Embassies facilitated the dispersion of the hymn among Latin nations east and west, and via London throughout the rest of the civilised world.

Through carols the Christmas spirit adds a new ecstasy to existence, awakes to life the consciousness of every source of delight as the "The Holly and the Ivy":

"The rising of the sun,
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir."

The carol dances joyfully through the Christmas story, a song of jubilation; for the tidings are of comfort, raising hearts spontaneously to heights where sorrows are forgotten. *How Singing Saved a Town*

There is a story told of how a carol saved the old town of Eldore. It happened on Christmas Eve in days when persecution swept over one-time Merrie England. Word had been received that the fanatical Puritans were coming to tear down everything that savoured of the holy season.

Children ran weeping to the arms of their mothers, all but one little choir boy who had been so busy with one thing and another that he had not heard the news, or if he heard, did not comprehend.

As usual, he went to his place in the choir stalls of the old church for the Christmas carols, practice which

"You don't have to make a scene—I only called him 'Darling' because I couldn't remember his name."

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Skipper's Story of Murderous Attacks

CALLOUS RAIDS ON UNARMED TRAWLERS

LONDON, DEC. 20 (BR. WIRELESS).—THE RECENT GERMAN CAMPAIGN OF BOMBING AND MACHINE GUNNING UNARMED TRAWLERS AND SMALL FISHING VESSELS IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO RESULT FROM THE FAILURE OF THE GERMAN ENDEAVOURS, BOTH IN THE ILLEGAL MINE-LAYING CAMPAIGN AND IN ALL OTHER FORMS OF SEA WARFARE.

Skipper J. M. Hall, of the trawler *Isabella Greig*, gives an account of how his ship was bombed and machine-gunned by German aircraft last Sunday—an example typical of many such cowardly and merciless attacks.

"Our trawl was down when two aircraft, which we recognised as twin-engined Heinkels, were sighted coming from the east," he said.

"Our crew of ten men immediately took cover.

"The Nazi aircraft came on flying low, and passed one on each side of our trawler, with the rear gunners firing with their machine-guns.

"Altogether, they circled the *Isabella Greig* eight times, their wing tips nearly touching the water as they turned.

"Besides machine-gunning us, they also dropped between 15 and 20 bombs.

"During one short respite our crew started to lower the lifeboat, but the aeroplanes returned and opened heavy fire, wounding two men.

"I meanwhile, with great difficulty, managed to get off a wireless signal.

"Finally, our boat was lowered and put into the water. It was riddled with bullets and the water barrel was punctured.

"The crew, taking our two wounded with them, abandoned the ship and the aircraft went off to the northeast.

"When the lifeboat was 500 yards away from the trawler, which was still afloat, the aircraft returned and opened fire on us again, luckily without result. They also dropped three more bombs.

"British aeroplanes then appeared and the Germans made off in the direction of home.

"My trawler was entirely unarmoured, and was flying the British mercantile flag and was engaged in fishing.

"The German aircraft gave no warning whatever before opening fire and had apparently flown 350 miles from Germany for the sole purpose of murdering Scottish fishermen."

To-day's evening papers give details of further similar outrages. The trawler *Trinity* was bombed and machine-gunned in the North Sea yesterday. The survivors, while escaping from the sinking ship, were machine-gunned by the water by the Nazi bombers. Two of the crew of nine were killed and one was wounded.

Last night the German Radio announced brazenly admitted air attacks on 24 defenceless fishing vessels and tried to excuse them by describing the vessels as warships and naval auxiliaries.

Seamen Machine-Gunned
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—BERGEN, Dec. 20 (UP).—The British trawler *Trinity* sank rapidly to-day after German planes dropped seven bombs in the Ederfjord yesterday.

The trawler's crew afterwards made efforts to reach the wrecksite. The German planes are alleged to have power-dived and machine-gunned the men in the water, wounding one in the leg.

Attack Watched
LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The latest fishing boat to be sunk by Nazi planes was the trawler *Trinity*, which was bombed on Tuesday at a point some 75 miles from the Scottish coast.

The attack was watched by a Danish trawler which was a mile away at the time.

The German plane, the crew of the Danish ship report, dived on to the British trawler many times, bombing and machine-gunning it.

The crew took refuge in the cabin and it was not until the *Trinity* was on the verge of sinking that they took to their boats.

After the *Trinity* had sunk beneath the waves, eight British survivors were picked up by the Danish boat and they were landed at Denmark to-day.

One fireman went down with the *Trinity*, while the cook died from his wounds not long after being rescued.

Turned Tail As R.A.F. Came On Scene
LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Bombing unarmed trawlers—spraying the helpless crews with machine-gun fire—but turning tail when faced with Royal Air Force planes.

Eye-witness accounts of this latest form of German air activity in the North Sea were given to-day by grinning Scottish trawler-men when they brought their battered vessels and dead and wounded into port.

With the wheel-house practically blown away, the funnel and ventilators burst, torn and riddled with machine-gun bullets and a gaping hole in the side, the Aberdeen trawler, *Star of Scotland*, had been towed into port carrying the bodies of two of the crew killed by a bomb from a German warplane yesterday and two members of the crew injured.

LIES AS EXCUSE

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Br. Wireless).—Germany is inventing British raids on undefended coastal towns, presumably as an excuse for her murder attacks on unarmed Scottish fishermen at sea.

Observers point out that the Nazis yesterday emphatically described in great detail an air battle over the Sylt which never took place!

Fantastic figures of aircraft said to have been engaged and brought down over the Heligoland Light have been issued by Goebbels' propaganda department.

Yesterday, even this feat of imagination was surpassed by a more remarkable series of inventions.

The Sylt was the area again chosen.

Details were given of the length of time taken by the operations. The tactics of the British aircraft were described.

The towns of Heerum of Rantum were invented for the purpose of being bombed by the R.A.F. machines.

An official denial of the entire story has been issued by the Air Ministry.

Not only is the German account devoid of any truth whatever, the inventiveness of themselves provide material for refutation.

NAZIS HAVE SCUTTLED 23 OF THEIR SHIPS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Home).—Informed quarters point out that with the sinking of the 32,000-ton liner *Columbus*, the number of German merchant ships which have been scuttled since the outbreak of the war has reached 23 ships totalling about 130,000 tons.

German ships which have been seized by the Allied Navies number 19 craft, totalling 88,218 tons.

TROOPSHIP ESCAPES Near Disaster In Collision

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—A British troopship's recent escape from a disastrous collision by a few feet was disclosed to-night.

The second ship, also British, which was outward-bound, has returned to a British port for repair.

The incident happened in a dense fog. The ships passed so close to each other that the life-boats which swung out on the davits of the smaller vessel were in and some actually carried away.

The troopship arrived with slight damage to her superstructure. Because of the darkness of the fog, the smaller ship had her life-boats swung out in readiness.

The fog immediately swallowed up both ships and it was only when the outward-bound vessel returned to port that its identity was established.

It is understood that the vessel with which the troopship nearly collided was the *Samaria*.

R.A.F. HOME ON LEAVE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—About 800 men of the R.A.F. the first to come home on Christmas leave, arrived in London by special train to-night.

They were all smiling and happy, and many wore sprigs of mistletoe. Rings made of metal from German machines shot down in France were among the souvenirs they brought home.

ALL QUIET ON WESTERN FRONT

FRENCH WAR COMMUNIQUE.

PARIS, WEDNESDAY.

TO-NIGHT'S FRENCH WAR COMMUNIQUE STATES: "THERE HAS BEEN NO EVENT OF IMPORTANCE DURING THE DAY."

—AND HERE IS THE REASON

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The recent bitter wintry weather on the Western Front has been succeeded by thaw and cold. A sleety rain has been falling.

These conditions have hampered air operations on the Front itself but have favoured long distance flights.

While British planes visited both the German seaplane bases in North Germany, German reconnaissance machines have flown over North, North-west and Western France.

Land activity continues with minor local operations and four unsuccessful enemy patrol raids on a wide front between the Moselle and Vosges were reported by authoritative military circles to-day.

At Union Church

MANILA COUPLE WED IN COLONY

A Manila couple, who arrived on Tuesday evening by Clipper were married at noon yesterday at the Kowloon Union Church. They were Mr. Frederick Alexander John Barretto and Miss Simone Germaine Levy.

The bridegroom was in business in Singapore, before he went to Manila, where he is a ship broker. The honeymoon will be spent in Hongkong, after which the happy couple will return to Manila, where they plan to make their home.

Boy Collects Match Books

YAKIMA, (U.P.).—Richard Shahr, Yakima, boy, has collected more than 2,000 packets of paper matches in the last four years. Every one is different. The youth has two of three packets from every state in the Union, one from Canada, one from England, two from Alaska and 10 from the Hawaiian Islands.

NAZI LIES ANSWERED

They Still Claim A Graf Spee Victory

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The following is a special commentary issued in London to-day:

German propaganda alleged that the *Exeter* and *Ajax* ran away and that the *Achilles* was sunk; and that Germany and Uruguay alone knew the hour that the *Graf Spee* must leave.

After the scuttling was suggested, events were precipitated by the action of Uruguay.

At 7 p.m. on December 18, the "Deutschland Sender" station announced that the *Exeter* was so badly smashed that she resembled an open rowing boat.

At 6 a.m. on December 19, the same station said that it was the humane decision of the Fuehrer not to allow the lives of the crew of the *Graf Spee* to be imperilled in a fight with greatly superior forces.

The connection with the scuttling of the *Graf Spee*, and the loss or damage to two German cruisers in three days, the following British naval losses are recapitulated:—*Courageous*, *Royal Oak*, *Gypsy*, *Blanche*, *Oxley*, *Duchess*, *Rawalpindi* and a few auxiliary patrol vessels.

The *Ark Royal*, *Repulse*, *Renown*, *Southampton*, *Hoood* and other ships, alleged to be sunk or damaged, are still employed in their lawful duties, some of which are now revealed:

Superior Aircraft
Air attacks on naval vessels are completely futile. No naval vessels are sunk by this method.

British aircraft have proved vastly superior. Even bombers are more than a match for German fighters. Witness Sunday's fight when 12 Messerschmitts and fighters were lost, and only seven bombers were lost, and only seven bombers were lost, and only seven bombers were lost.

The principal German successes have been against unarmed merchant ships, including neutrals. They now dare to operate only:

1.—Against neutrals inside territorial waters;
2.—In the Baltic;
3.—Machine-gunning trawlers;
4.—Mine-laying the trading lanes normally used by neutral shipping.

The Canadians
The Canadian troops arriving in England were entirely recruited by voluntary enlistment.

French-speaking Canadians rallied as eagerly to the English-speaking Canadians, emphasising the overwhelming verdict of the Quebec general election.

They constitute a citizen force from every province, all classes and sections coming to fight in defence of the liberties and values at stake in the present struggle.

Arriving on the same day was the agreement signed between the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand to establish the Empire air training organisation in Canada to produce, tens of thousands of aircrew yearly, thus, by a co-operative effort, winning predominance in the air similar to that enjoyed at sea.

Franco-Japanese Dispute Ends

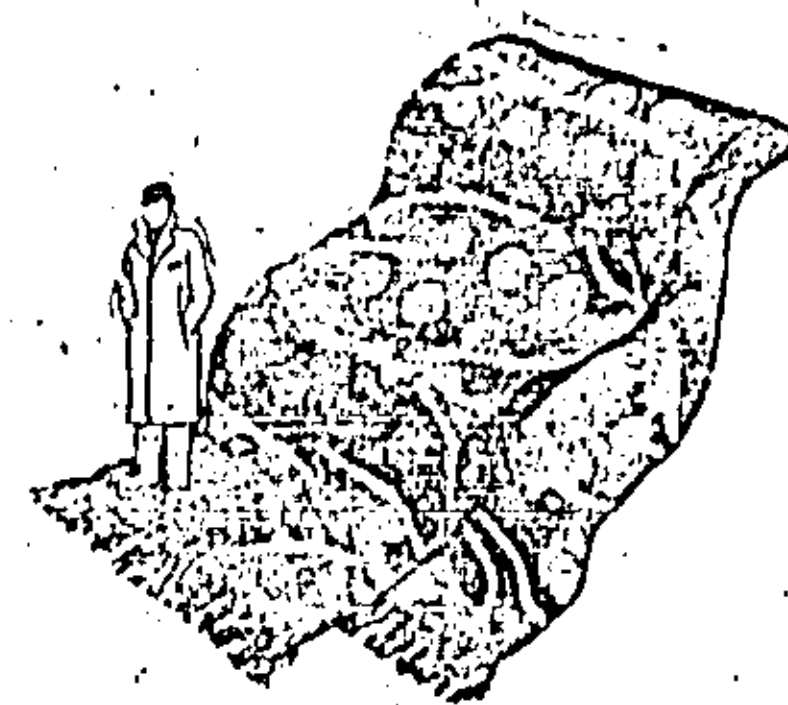
PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—A Franco-Japanese agreement is signed settling the terms of execution of the agreement between the Municipality of Tokyo and French bondholders.

A Foreign Office representative declared: "The agreement happily ends a long dispute and cannot fail to favour closer Franco-Japanese relations."

Palestine Medal To Be Struck

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that the King has commanded that a general service medal with a clasp, "Palestine," shall be granted to the forces employed within the geographical limits of Palestine and Trans-Jordan between April 19, 1936, and September 3, 1939.

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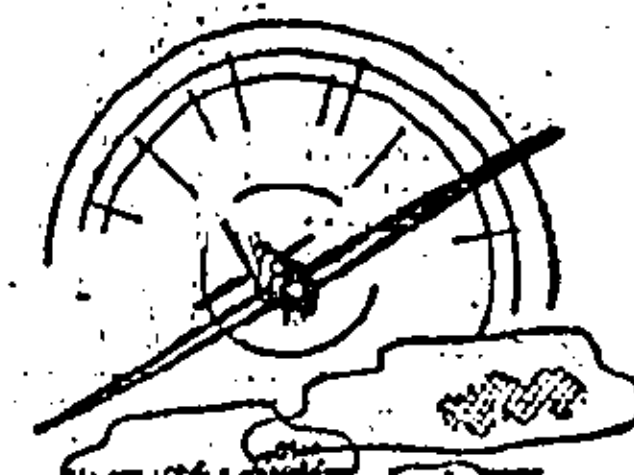
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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT PROPOSAL

Suggested Substitute For The Navy: Sappers Gain Another Victory

WITH REFERENCE to the Triangular Tournament, I suggested a few weeks ago, that a team from the H.K.H.A. might be substituted for the Royal Navy who are not participating this season. A further proposal has reached me from a Military source, suggesting that the Army be permitted to field two separate teams—one of Indians and the other of Europeans—instead of a mixed team as at present.

This, I think, is a brilliant suggestion, as the combined Army would be too strong a team for the Hongkong Club or the Association, and I would draw the attention of the Triangular Tournament Committee to consider the matter.

The games, if staged, should prove most interesting.

IN their League encounter at King's Park last Saturday, St. Andrew's could only draw 1-1 with the Hongkong Ladies. The failure of both sides to score more goals was due to the inability of the players to control the ball on a very bumpy surface.

Though the Saints scored first through Miss H. Reid, their attack was never too impressive. Miss F. Wong, on the right wing, was the best forward on view, but her brilliant centres often went begging as the others in the attack were never up to intercept them.

The defence, however, was resolute, and none did better than Miss J. Wong, at centre half, whose first-time tackling and hard clearances, at times, completely subdued the Hongkong attack.

Miss West, at right half, gave an improved display, and Miss G. White, right back, was also prominent. I was very surprised at the poor form of Miss M. Roza, the left back. In the last two matches she has given her partner very poor support. I do hope her lack of concentration improves in the games to follow. Mrs. P. Bliss made a welcome return as leader, and should recover her old form after a game or two.

IN the first half, Hongkong Ladies showed their rival forwards how to give and take passes; their work for at least 20 minutes being an object lesson to their opponents. But Miss M. Smalley, Miss M. Booker and Mrs. Daziel were weak in the circle, and several scoring opportunities were missed.

Miss G. Marr, however, on the right wing, was persistent and made many good runs and centres. Miss M. Booker did well to equalise through one of these right flank raids in the second half.

The halves worked hard, with Mrs. Skinner being the most effective in the centre. Miss E. Gray was again sound at full back, and always seemed to have the whip hand of the Saints' attack; her partner was also conspicuous with her hard hitting. Miss S. Baskett played a useful game in goal.

A draw was a fair result, and though a bumpy pitch prevented any real possibility of good hockey, a team game ensued.

IN their tournament fixture against the Nomads last Sunday morning, C.B.A. were again in brilliant form to win 7-1. Once the home players had realised the perils of the very bumpy pitch, they settled down to make further progress at least as convincingly as the margin of seven goals to one in their favour suggests.

Leading by a goal scored by S. A. Fowler in the first half, C.B.A. proceeded to put themselves into a comfortable position in the second half, after several positional changes were made. G. Fowler led the attack with Sydney and Ernie on either side of him, D. Smith and J. King being the respective wingers.

N. Whitley, from left half, relieved G. Fowler at centre half. The forwards were fed persistently, and they responded in magnificent style. V. Bond scored from a penalty corner, and E. Fowler added the third. After a solo effort on the left wing, King scored the fourth and S. A. Fowler followed with the fifth.

Five goals ahead, C.B.A. eased up a bit, but a goal to the Nomads merely acted as a tonic to the home team, and they came back to increase their lead with goals by Sydney and George Fowler.

Praise must also be given to the defence, and in particular to J. T. K. Gilchrist and V. Bond, the backs, who defended very well indeed.

NOMADS started well, and for the first fifteen minutes their forwards gave the C.B.A. defence something to think about. They had so much of the game during the first half that at half time they should have held a comfortable lead, but instead were in arrears.

T. J. Reed, as pivot, worked like a Trojan, and during the latter stages

NAVY XV BEAT CLUB "A"



The Royal Engineers beat the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by 4-1 in a Hongkong Hockey Association tournament match at Sookunpoo on Tuesday, and are now at the head of the Tournament table. — Ming Yuen.

Decided Improvement In Play

(By "Fly-half")

YESTERDAY evening at the Club ground, a Navy team defeated Club "A" by eleven points (a goal and two tries) to nine (three tries) in a game in which the back divisions were given the ball and made good use of it. It was a decided improvement on the scrappy "A" matches of late.

Navy fielded a strong side which included a few of the 1st XV players, and credit is due to the Club players who stuck to their task manfully.

Five minutes after the kick-off, O'Riordan left Club standing when he dashed over for a try which was converted by King. Roscoe, in a forward rush, went over for Club's reply, which, however, was not converted. Stout falling with the kick.

Later Roscoe left the field and took no further part in the game, having sustained what appeared to be a sprained ankle.

CLUB LEAD

After the interval, Nelson scored another unconverted try for the Club, to give them a one point lead. Navy came back strongly, and Wilson, playing on the wing for Navy, broke through to touch-down. King failed to improve on the points.

This was followed by another Navy try, this time scored by Barlow. King again failed to convert.

Club did not give up, and placed themselves in a position to draw when Carruthers scored a try. The valuable two extra points were not gathered, for the attempt to convert, made by Richardson failed.

Cricket

C.B.S. Draw With R.A.M.C.

A drawn game of cricket was played between the Central British School and the Royal Army Medical Corps on the School ground yesterday.

Q. M. S. Patterson was undefeated with 72, which included 12 boundaries, when the Medical side declared at 149 for 6 wickets. For the School boys, only W. G. Pryde was able to stay, and he scored 59, including ten boundaries, before being bowled.

The scores were:
R.A.M.C.—149 for 6 declared (Q.M.S. Patterson 72 not out, Cpl. Weller 30).
C.B.S.—110 for 8 (W.G. Pryde 59, A. W. Brown 17).

CHIU-GRIFFITHS ENTER DOUBLES SEMI-FINAL

MRS. CHIU CHUN-CHU and Miss Madge Griffiths, favourites for the Colony women's tennis championship, entered the semi-final round yesterday when they eliminated Mrs. O. Burnett and Miss V. Bradbury by 5-1, 6-1 at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

Two singles matches were also played, Miss J. Reeve beating Mrs. N. W. Smyth 6-2, 6-3, and Miss M. Stokes beating Mrs. Hyde 7-5, 6-1.

CHARITY SOCCER SIDES

Portugal To Meet China At Sookunpoo

Portugal will meet China, in what promises to be the best match in the International Charity Cup series, on the Sookunpoo ground on Monday at 3.30 p.m.

Portugal's team will be selected on the ground, but the following have been invited to attend.

R. Marques (St. Joseph's); C. Marques (St. Joseph's); D. Alves (St. Joseph's); N. Delgado (International); J. J. Pereira (St. Joseph's); T. Castro (St. Joseph's); A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's); B. T. Gosano (St. Joseph's); J. Gomes (Electric); A. Alves (St. Joseph's); R. Ribeiro (St. Joseph's); C. Fernandes (International); R. Rocha (International); El Campos (International) and C. Santos (Kowloon).

Portugal's players are requested to report to A. V. Gosano at the dressing room not later than 3.15 p.m.

CHINA'S ELEVEN

China's team has been selected: Tam Kwan-kon (S.C. A.); Lee Tin-sang (S.C. A.) and Mak Shu-hon (S.C. A.); Iau King-cheng (Eastern); Leung Wing-chiu (S.C. A.) and Lau Hing-chol (S.C. A.); Yung Shui-yick (S.C. B.); Fung King-cheung (S.C. A.); Chan Tak-fai (S.C. A.); Chow Man-chi (Kwong Wah) and Ip Pak-wa (S.C. A.).

Reserves—Cheuk Shok-kam, Tse Kam-hung, Hsu Yung-sang, Lau Hing-hon, Tang Chung-wan, Lai Chit-tan, Lw Wai-kuen, Chung Yung-sum and Chang Ching-hui.

Leung Wing-chiu has been elected captain, while Mr. Walter Hamming Chen will manage the team.

Notable absences are Lee Wai-tung, who is on the injured list, and Hui Ching-to, Interport and Eastern left-winger, who has been passed over for Ip Pak-wa, South China, and Interport star.

Army Boxing

Middlesex Novices' Tournament

FURTHER BOUTS in the Middlesex Regiment Novices Inter-Company boxing tournament were fought yesterday evening at Nanking Barracks, Shumshlupo. Enthusiasm was unabated, and boxers of all weights thoroughly mixed it. The results were:

Feather weight—Pie, Macey (C) lost to Hds. Holam (HQ); Pie, Bradford (HQ) beat L/c. Barrett (B).
Bantam weight—Pie, Tait (B) lost to Dmr. Dewbury (HQ).
Heavy weight—Pie, Driddle (C) beat Pie, Fild (HQ).
Light weight—Pie, Revell (HQ) beat Pie, Webb (A).
Middle weight—L/c. Wooley (HQ) lost to Cpl. Manning (B); Pie, Marable (A) lost to L/c. Wilton (HQ); Pie, Friedman (B) beat Pie, Williams (HQ).

Welter weight—Pie, Robinson (D) beat L/c. Shaw (C); Pie, Baker (B) beat Pie, Hicks (HQ); A/Hds. Nix (HQ) beat to L/c. Colebeck (C); L/c. Weaver (B) lost to Pie, Cohen (A).
Light weight—Pie, Whitehouse (A) lost to L/c. Williams (HQ); Pie, Ramble (A) gave walk over to Cpl. Miller (HQ); Dmr. Groomsmith (HQ) beat Pie, Day (A).

Fanling Hunt Meet On Monday

The Fanling Hunt is meeting at Fanling Lodge on Monday, January 1, at 2.45 p.m. His Excellency the Governor will be at home.

of the game received poor support from his defence.

With a bumpy ground it was no day for hasty play in regard to defensive tactics, but H. Soares and H. Xavier failed time after time at the most abject way to get the ball clear of their goal, and they paid the full penalty.

J. Franco, who scored the only goal, led his forwards well, and young Peter Rull, at inside left, gave a promising display. R. Silva, the right winger, should have scored on at least two occasions had he taken the ball in on his own, but he sent in some feeble centres instead.

The game was evenly waged until the interval, after which the Nomads were completely overwhelmed.

ON their home ground at Sookunpoo last Tuesday, the Royal Engineers collected two further points in an Association Tournament match by defeating K.I.T.C. 4-1. The Sappers pressed from the start, and after a few exchanges, took the lead through Homburg, this same player, soon afterwards completed his hat-trick.

Croston was responsible for the fourth goal, and gave an outstanding performance at centre half. He would, however, be well advised not to support, his attack with his feet when trying to stop the ball.

Russell and Gowan were a safe pair of backs, who cleared their ranks with hefty hits. Marriott was badly hurt just before the interval, and had to retire for the remainder of the game, otherwise the forwards made good use of their wings, and attacks were frequent.

The Sappers possess the best record, so far, with four wins and no defeats.

K.I.T.C. were without Malik, their brilliant inside-left, and were, unfortunately, one player short throughout the game.

Though well beaten, the Indians had a considerable amount of the play, but failed to put a fine cover on defence. Man Singh, on the left wing, showed speed and good stick work, and his goal, the only one for his side, was a beauty.

The K.I.T.C. defence in general was poor, with the exception of Bag Singh, the left half, who played quite a briny game. Mohinder Singh and Kalyan Singh, in particular, gave a very erratic display.

H.K.H.A. Tournament Table 1939-40

	P	W	L	D	F	Pts.
Royal Engineers	4	4	0	0	0	16
C.B.A.	3	2	0	0	0	12
Indie Sports	2	2	0	0	0	8
Nomads	1	1	1	1	0	4
K.I.T.C.	0	0	2	1	1	0
Indie Signals	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.A.D.C.	0	0	0	0	0	0
University	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	14	11	11	2	40	24

Highest Goal Scorers

Sgt. Homburg, C.B.A., 5.

Kowloon Tong Beat K.C.C.

In "B" Division

Kowloon Tong beat K.C.C. 7-2 in the "B" Division of the Badminton League yesterday.

F. S. Ko and H. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong) beat T. Winter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher 21-21, beat T. C. Kevan and J. L. Anderson 21-10; beat T. A. Madar and E. Curtis 21-11.

N.A.E. Mackay and B.P.C. Fletcher lost to Winter-Blyth and Fisher 20-21; beat Kevan and Anderson 21-12; beat Madar and Curtis 21-13.

J. L. Stephens and A.E.H. Castro lost to Winter-Blyth and Fisher 1-21; beat Kevan and Anderson 21-15; beat Madar and Curtis 21-10.

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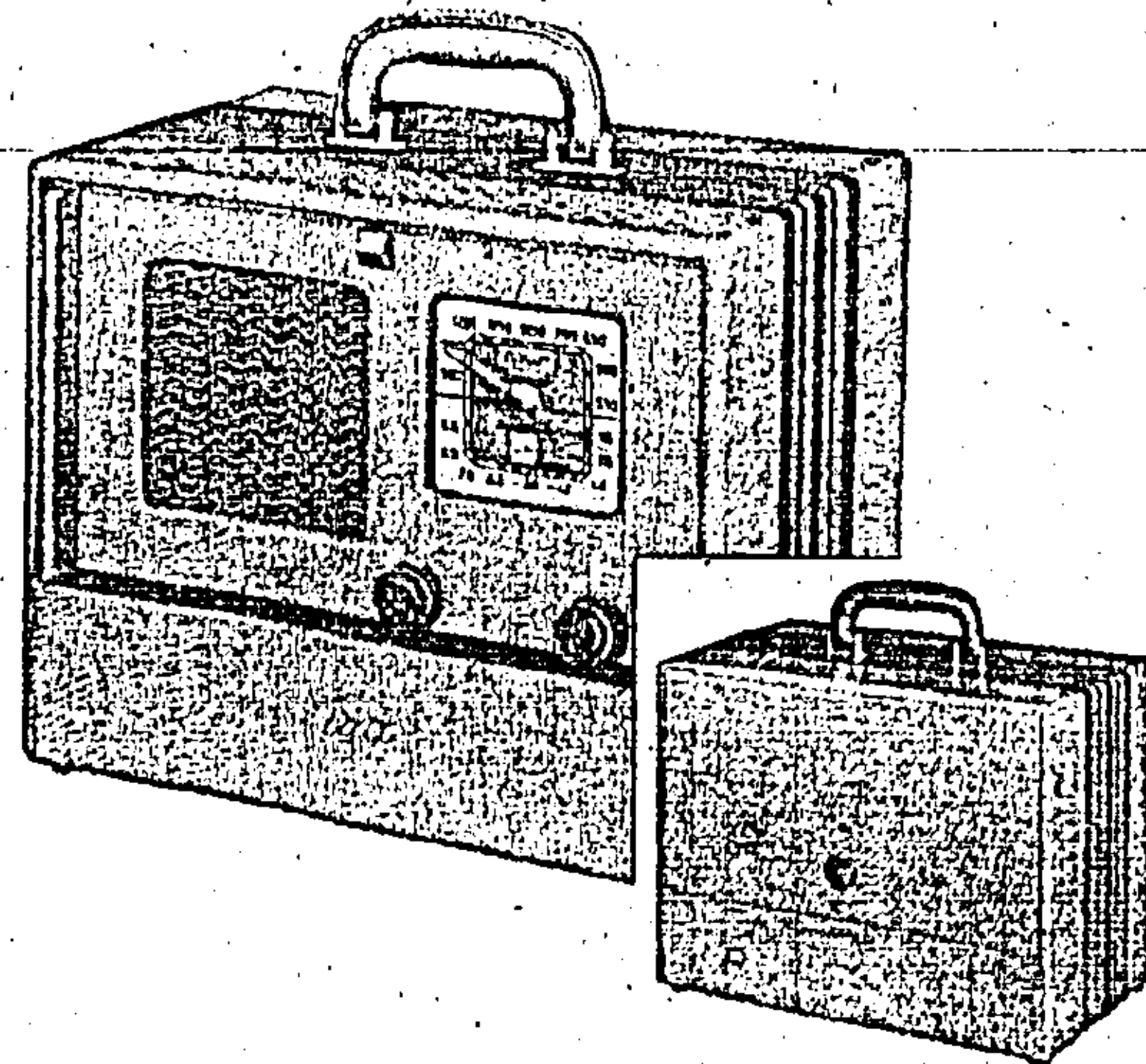
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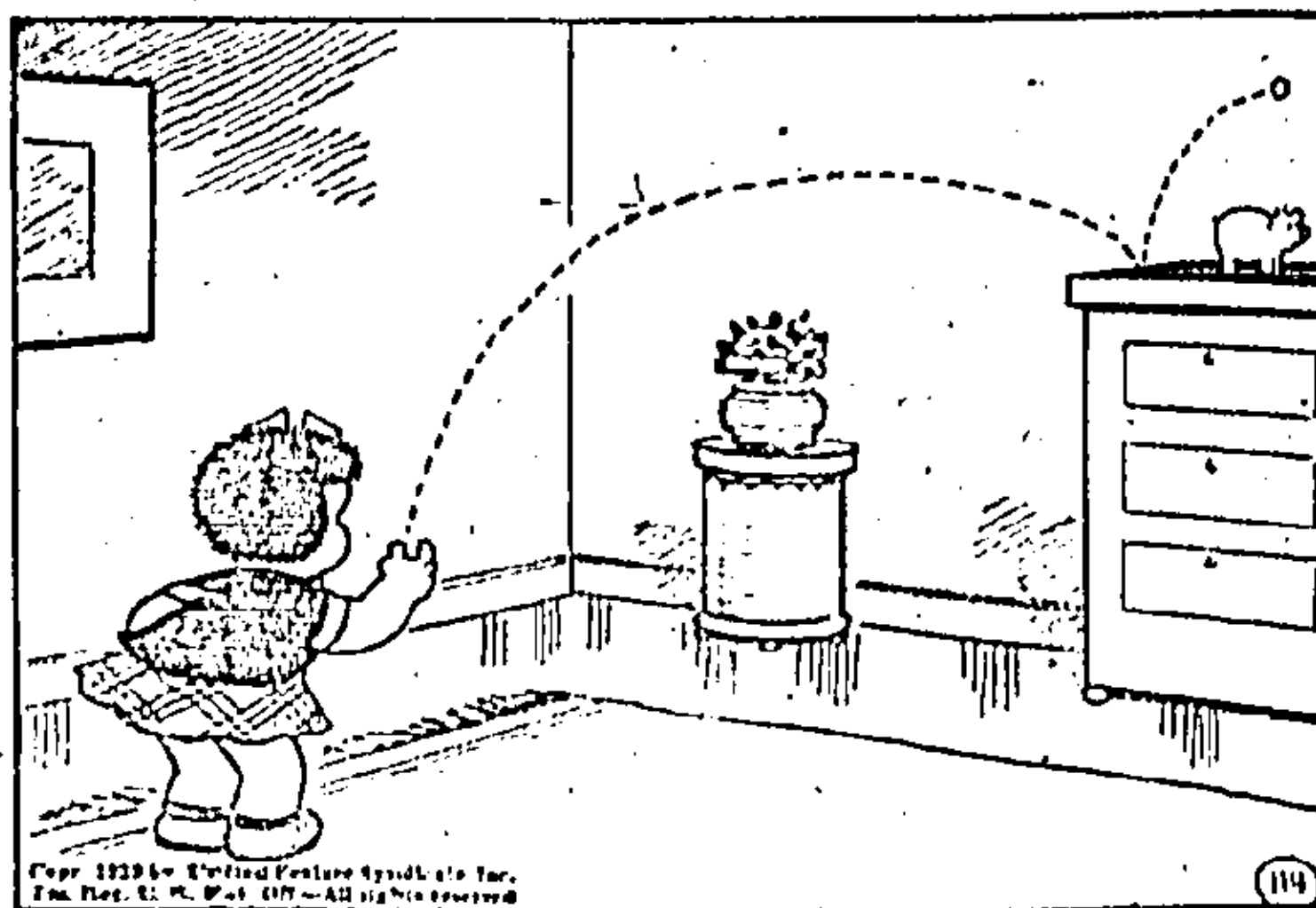
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Mr. Justice Fraser in the course of a judgment delivered in the Supreme Court to-day in connection with an eviction claim.

TENANT'S HARDSHIPS: JUDGE GIVES VIEWS Clarification of Hongkong Eviction Ordinance

AN INTERESTING JUDGMENT CLARIFYING THE LAW RELATING TO THE PREVENTION OF EVICTION WAS DELIVERED BY MR. JUSTICE J. A. FRASER AT THE SUMMARY COURT THIS MORNING, IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACTION BROUGHT BY THE LEE HYSAN ESTATE CO., LTD. AGAINST CHAN SIU-CHUEN, SOLICITOR'S CLERK, CLAIMING POSSESSION OF 45 EWO HILL STREET (COMMONLY KNOWN AS LEE GARDEN STREET), TOP FLOOR.

Plaintiffs are the owners of over 500 Chinese flats, principally in Percival Street, Hysan Avenue and Lee Garden Street. Those in the last-named street were re-conditioned in 1937 at a cost of over \$100,000 after which they were let at a low rent of \$20 to \$28, according to floors, in order to attract tenants.

Defendant entered into possession over two years ago at his own expense, he put in the electric wiring and cubic partitions at a cost of \$200. The rent for first was \$20 a month, but this was raised to \$25 in November, 1938. In June, 1939, plaintiffs informed defendant that his rent would be increased to \$32. Defendant counter-offered \$27 and thereupon plaintiffs on August 8, offered him alternative accommodation at that figure at 20 Percival Street and later at 7 Hysan Avenue. One of the offers was subsequently withdrawn while the other was declined by defendant as unsuitable.

The landlord required alternative accommodation at No. 45 Ewo Hill Street for an employee of another company in which he had a pecuniary interest. The employee was living at 73 Ewo Hill Street, also the landlord's property, as a sub-tenant of a cockloft for which he paid \$46, although the total rent for the premises was only \$38.

The Judgment

After expressing the hope that his judgment would help to clarify the law relating to the prevention of eviction, His Lordship said:

"The powers of the court in relation to the present case are provided by sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Prevention of Eviction Ordinance, No. 6 of 1938, as amended by No. 6 of 1939. The part of the section which is relevant to the present case is as follows: 'If proceedings are taken against the person who at the commencement of this Ordinance was tenant of any dwelling-house (hereinafter referred to as the sitting tenant) for the recovery of possession of the dwelling-house or for the ejectment of the tenant therefrom, the court may, if it is satisfied that the proceedings are harsh or oppressive or that exceptional hardship would be caused to the sitting tenant by the making or giving of an order or judgment for possession or ejectment, the court may... exercise certain powers.'"

"By sub-section (4) of the same section, the court shall not exercise any of its powers if it is satisfied that greater hardship would be caused to the landlord by the exercise of the power than would be caused to the tenant by the refusal to exercise it."

"These provisions are not, in my view, harsh or oppressive. Even if the only purpose for which they are brought is to secure a higher rent—not necessarily from the defendant—it is not essentially harsh or oppressive to require the tenant to pay a higher rent for the same premises. This rent—\$32—is \$8 lower than that which is the custom in that neighbourhood for the tenant to provide electric wiring. On the other hand, the tenant has enjoyed the use of the flat at a low rent, which

includes rates, water, maintenance and repairs for more than two years."

"No reference committee as contemplated by the Ordinance have been established for dealing with questions of rent and this action is in consequence forced upon the landlord by the tenant. Neither can obtain a decision as to the rent to be charged for the premises except in an action by the landlord for possession. The landlord has in view another tenant who is willing to pay the rent now objected to by the defendant and, but for the Ordinance, the new tenant would already be in possession."

"While, therefore, I cannot find that, as the tenant alleges, there proceedings are harsh or oppressive, I cannot attach much weight to the landlord's suggestion, nor does it matter that the tenant's conduct as shown by correspondence before the action was obstructive. If he wanted his rent settled by the court he took the only possible course. He is, however, now running the risk of being dispossessed. I have to decide whether he would suffer exceptional hardship by an adverse decision in this case."

Hardship Construed

"It has been suggested by Mr. Kuns on behalf of the tenant that I should put upon the word 'hardship' the construction most favourable to the tenant. Hardship, he says, should include the loss of good premises at a low rent or, if I may put it so, the payment of a higher rent for those premises than the tenant can afford."

"I prefer the view that these facts should be considered rather in relation to alternative accommodation than in relation to the word 'hardship'. Having got a tenant, would have to arrange a rent suitable to the tenant's means."

"We know that in not so, the matters to which the court is directed to have regard by section 3 (2) of the Ordinance in determining what increase of rent is fair and reasonable are the character and condition of the dwelling-house and the rents of similar dwelling-houses in the locality. If 'means' had been intended one would expect some mention of the words in that section."

"The powers of fixing rents conferred by this Ordinance are restricted to cases in which it is unreasonable to evict a tenant or in which landlord and tenant have agreed to submit a dispute relating to rent to the decision of a reference committee. There is no general restriction of rents by this or any other Ordinance."

"I cannot, against the express intention of the legislature, construe section 3 (2) in a way which would limit the rent to what the tenant can pay rather than to what the landlord can get for the premises. In other words, I cannot say that it is a hardship for a man to pay a rent which is reasonable for premises but which may be totally unsuitable to his pocket."

Ordinance Explained

"And, there being no general rent restriction and no standard rents, the contention that if a rent is fixed the increase must be based on a percentage of the rent formerly paid must fall. There may even be a decrease, for example, under the powers conferred by section 4."

"The provisions of the Prevention of Eviction Ordinance are derived principally from two sections of the English Rent and Mortgage Interest Restriction Act, 1920 (chapter 35). Section 12, which corresponds to section 3 of the Ordinance, is to come into force in England when other control exists. It is

therefore not surprising that there are few English decisions to guide me in construing that section."

"The position in England under the Increase of Rent, etc. (Restrictions) Act, 1920, (chapter 17) is that in proceedings for possession the landlord must be prepared to satisfy the court not only that one or more of the recognized grounds exists, but also that it is reasonable at the circumstances of the case to make the order applied for. One of these grounds is that 'alternative accommodation is available which is reasonably suitable in relation to the tenant and to the needs of the tenant and his family as regards extent, character and proximity to his place of work,' with reasonable security of tenure. I take that as a fair definition of alternative accommodation for the purpose of this case."

No Such Duty Here

"In Hongkong there is no such duty upon the landlord to show that alternative accommodation is available. But the mere fact that the Ordinance, which is emergency and temporary legislation, requires the landlord to show that there is a shortage of accommodation, which it is for the landlord to disprove, having regard to the particular kind of accommodation required in each case."

"The landlord has here sought to show that in addition to the Percival Street premises there is alternative accommodation available in cross-examination, a list of premises advertised for letting at the beginning of September was put to the defendant, who sought to know, not the premises referred to but a good deal about the localities in which they were situated. His evidence was that some of the premises were furnished and others again were to be let at rents of from \$50 to \$70. It is difficult to see what benefit either party derived from that cross-examination."

Tenant's Case

The tenant, on the other hand, has given evidence, supported by a credible witness, that he tried to find suitable alternative accommodation within his means and failed. He made inquiries about places in Hennessy Road, Lockhart Road and that district, but not about places in more expensive localities. All that that amounts to is that in his opinion there was no suitable alternative accommodation. And that opinion is by having regard to the fact that he found the Percival Street accommodation unsuitable. In other words, he could get nothing so good as he now has for the same rent."

"I am driven back, therefore, to the Percival Street premises as the only alternative accommodation. In what way do they differ from the premises at Ewo Hill Street? The Percival Street flats have wooden floors, no fire escape and no flush system, but the concrete floors and modern conveniences of Ewo Hill Street. The rent demanded for the Percival Street flat is, it is true, several dollars higher than the rent for the flat at Ewo Hill Street, but it is admittedly within the defendant's means."

"Much has been said of the danger of fire, the unpleasantness of having no flush system, the insecurity of wooden floors and staircases, but with these matters in this case I am not concerned. There are no special circumstances which make these amenities necessary. They are for people who can afford them. Even the fire danger, if there be one, I must disregard. These conditions are common in Hongkong."

"What I must look to is whether the accommodation is suitable to the needs of this particular tenant. He is a clerk in a lawyer's office on a salary of \$40 a month with commission which amounts sometimes to \$10. He has a wife and three children and with him live his mother-in-law and her four children. He

Japanese Refute Chinese Claims

However, New Victories Are Reported

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
Though he admitted having received no detailed reports from the Nanning sector, a Japanese spokesman in Shanghai yesterday categorically denied the recent Chinese claims of success on this front when interviewed by the "United Press."

This spokesman said that he had reason to believe that conditions in the Nanning sector were "exactly contrary to the Chinese claims."

The same applied to the Nanchang and Kaitung sectors, he declared. He explained that it was the Chinese habit during the past two years to claim to have retaken places which had never been retaken. The Chinese claim to have retaken Canton was an example, he pointed out.

He added that it was not the Japanese intention to deny the ridiculous claims one by one because the claims did not carry sufficient weight.

A Japanese Naval spokesman added: "Another choice bit of Chinese propaganda was the sinking of a Japanese warship in the Yangtze, which is entirely untrue."

He said that the Chinese fired on a Japanese transport but did not hit it.

It was claimed that the recent air raids on Szechuan and Hupoh were "extremely successful." It is stated that the Japanese raiders met two Chinese squadrons of 15 and 20 planes and that all the Japanese machines returned safely.

Fresh Victories

Nevertheless, Chinese sources continue to make claims of victories. A "United Press" message from Chungking states that it is officially reported that Chinese troops recaptured Wuthang (Fifth Dyke) about 16 miles north-east of Nanning yesterday.

The report said that some 500 Japanese troops surrendered at Putang and were taken prisoner.

The Japanese air force, it is stated, resumed activity in the Nanning zone for the first time this week when many machines bombed Kunlunshan, Chitung, Putang and Wutan.

Well-informed circles report that six squadrons of Japanese bombers, nine in each squadron, raided north-west China cities yesterday, including Shan, Lanchow, Pingliang and Tientsin.

"Domel" reports state that the machines which carried out these raids were naval planes. During their attack on the southern border of Szechuan, they bombed and set afire seven grounded bombers while the establishments at other air-fields were severely bombed and damaged.

Field Fighting Reports

Chinese claims of successes in other fronts are carried in "Central News" messages received this morning. In South Honan, it is reported, a number of strategic points around Sinyang have been recaptured. Contact between Sinyang and the outside has been severed as the Sinyang-Yingching highway and the Sinyang-Hankow Railway have been damaged. The Chinese are continuing their attack on Changchikwan, 14 miles north of Sinyang. They broke into the town last Sunday night, but withdrew the following morning upon the arrival of Japanese reinforcements.

Japanese blue-jackets from a number of warships in the Yangtze River landed at Kuochikow, south-east of Hukow at the mouth of the Poyang Lake in North Kiangsi yesterday morning.

Chinese sources claim that Chinese troops arrived and drove the invaders back to their ships.

In South Shanxi, the fighting now centres around Yichang. A Japanese column pushing eastward from the town has been defeated at Tunwuling, according to a "Central News" message from Loyang. This Japanese column sustained over 600 casualties it is claimed.

Another column advancing southward in battling with the Chinese at Tatsing and Chwanntienning.

On the Southern Front, it is stated that a Chinese unit recaptured Samkong and Kunyul, about 16 miles north-west of Canton, yesterday, while another unit smashed into Tanno, 18 miles north-west of Canton.

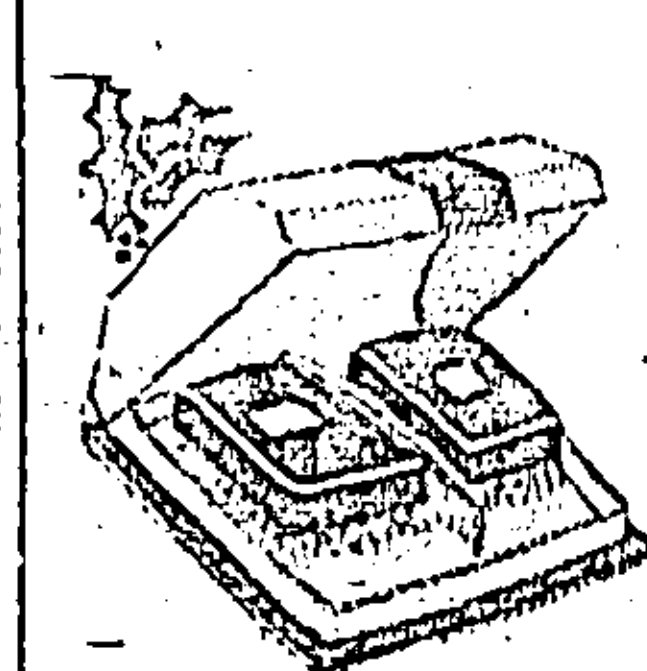
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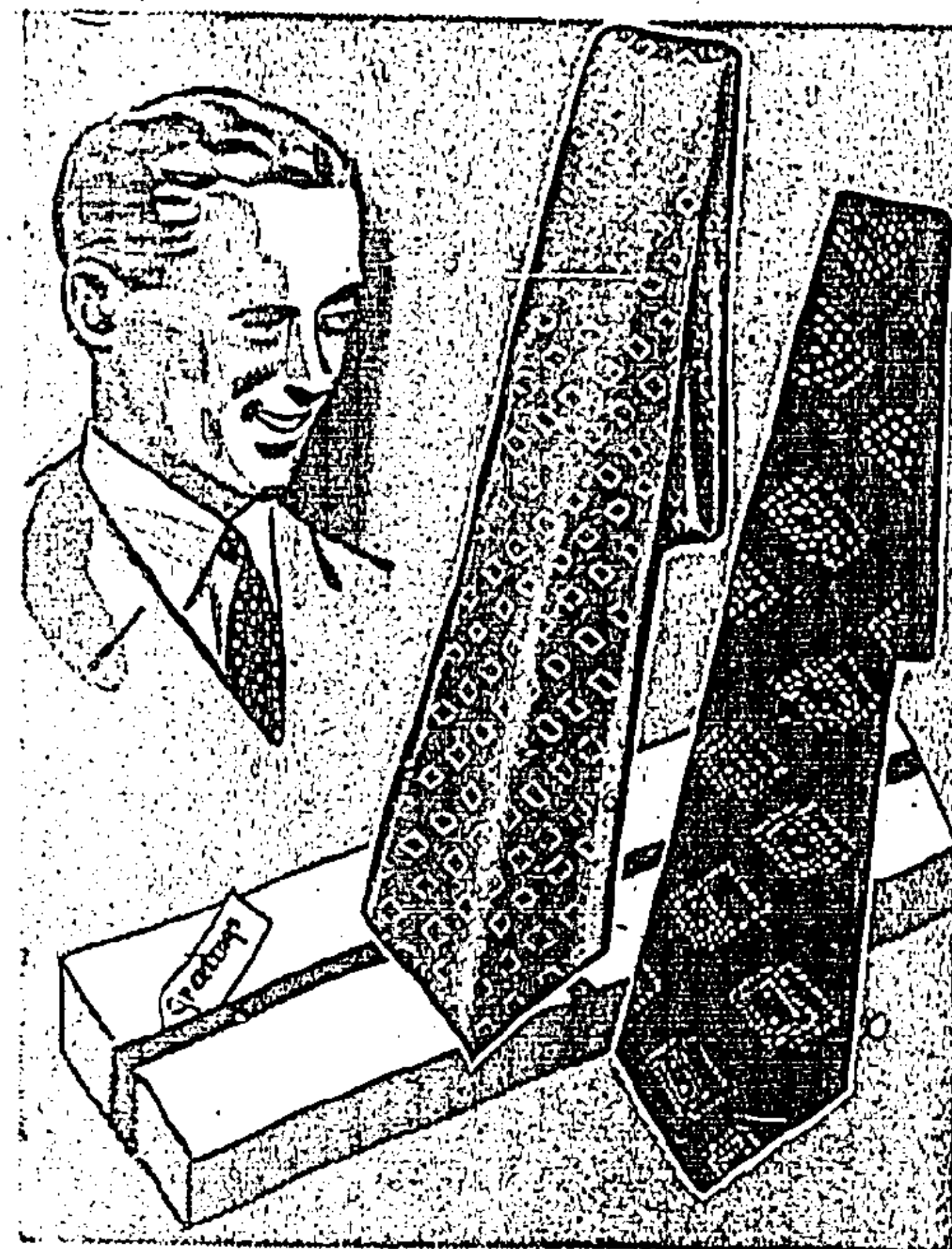
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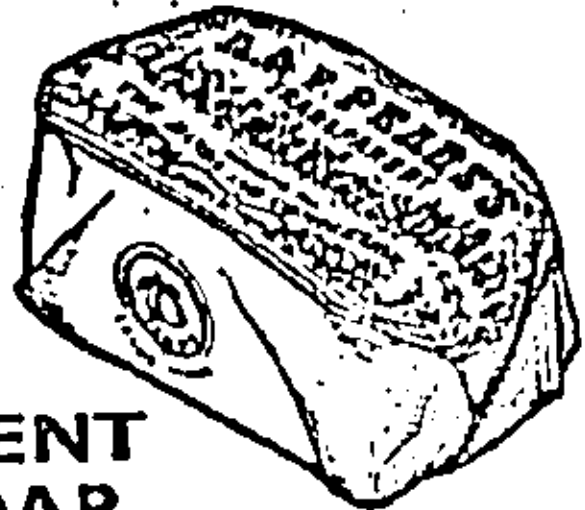


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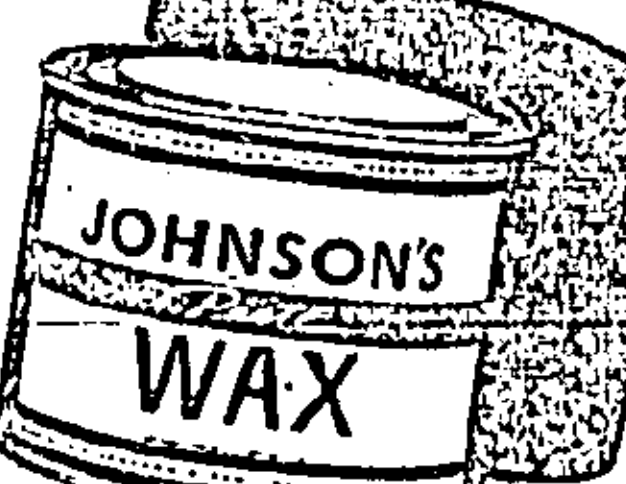


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CHRISTMAS DINNERS

THE sprawling board so dear to tradition is hard to resist on Christmas Day, we'll admit. But if time or facilities or personal inclination says nay, the modern streamlined menus featured on this page lack nothing in their appeal to the eye or holiday appetite. They are designed to fit your own special requirements. I have included both old favourites and new, and leave it to you to select your own pattern. In the feasts there is a choice of desserts, and a salad course that may or may not be served. If you choose to omit the salad at dinner, perhaps you will want to serve it as a "light something" later in the day.

SIMPLICITY, is the keynote of Christmas settings this year. Large, rosy apples are the candlesticks. Pick choice red plump ones and burnish them with a soft cloth. Then with an apple corer cut halfway through each apple and remove the half cores. Insert the candle and have it ready to be lit just before dinner is served. Soft yellow candles contrast happily with the polished red of the apples and harmonise with almost any colour in the dinnerware. If your table is long and narrow, arrange the apples in a parade fashion down the centre, using a row of them. But if your table is round or oval, arrange them around the table, following the contour of your table. Then tuck in laurel, ivy or any green leaves you prefer between the apples. Small bunches of green grapes placed

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Buttered Peas and Onions
Gravy
Bread Sticks Currant Jelly
Moulded Tomato Cheese Salad (optional)
Pumpkin Pie or
Assorted Fruits
Roasted Nuts Coffee

Christmas Dinner I

When hands and time are plentiful and the family can face a five-course dinner.
Oyster Cocktail and/or
Canned Tomato Soup with
Canned Celery Soup added
Roast Turkey Gravy
Bread Stuffing
Glazed Sweet Potatoes
Buttered Asparagus
Fruit and Olive Salad (optional)
Heated Rolls
Steamed Pudding
With Foamy Sauce or
Spanish Cream
Coffee

casually here and there add an effective note of colour. Nut and fruit dishes, one at each place—with a nutcracker between every two places—made of brown blotting paper. The night before the feast fill each with the mixed nuts and put it in place, as in the picture; the next day add the trapes. No matter which one of the four dinner patterns you select, there are a number of things you can do ahead of time, thus ensuring a holiday for yourself as well as your guests.

PREPARE AHEAD

Take Dinner Pattern No. 1 on this page as an example of this. The steamed pudding may be made in advance and then reheated in the original mould for about 1 hr. before serving. Or, if you prefer, more steam it just before dinner. On the day before the festivities, clean, stuff and truss your turkey. Also clean the potatoes and store them in the refrigerator along with the turkey and cleaned salad greens. If Spanish Cream is your choice for dessert, make it the day before.

On Christmas morning prepare the olives and oranges for the salad and let stand in the French dressing until it is time to complete the salad. For the Glazed Sweet Potatoes—enough to serve 6—cook 8 medium sweet potatoes until tender and drain. Combine 1/2 c. melted butter or margarine and 1 c. brown sugar in a saucepan. Toss the potatoes in this

Christmas Dinner II

When the entire household shares in preparation of the feast.
Grape Juice Cocktail
Potato and Celery Stuffing
Buttered Squash
Giblet Gravy
Cabbage and Raw Carrot
Baked Plum Pudding with
Ice Cream or Cream
or Fruit Ice
Coffee

mixture until well coated; then simmer over low heat until glazed. If you're using Dinner Pattern II, clean your duck or chicken the day before the holiday. Do not stuff it, however, until just before you roast it, as the potato stuffing should be light and fluffy. Also, on the day before, steam the squash and store it covered in the refrigerator.

In serving the grape juice cocktail we suggest that you first frost the rim of the cocktail glasses. To do this, dip the top rim of each glass in lemon juice, then in granulated sugar. Chill for at least 1 hr. in the refrigerator before serving, and you have a cool frosty band around the top of each rim that will stand for some time without melting. If your dessert is Plum Pudding, bake it in same oven with duck or chicken for the last 45 minutes of the roasting period.

and store them in the refrigerator. For Pan Roasted Potatoes, cook peeled white or sweet potatoes 10 min. Forty-five min. before the Roast of Lamb is done, arrange the potatoes around the roast and bake 40 min. or until tender, turning and basting frequently with the drippings and salt together, and add to the pan. In preparing the Buttered Peas and Onions cook the peas and small or sliced onions separately, then drain combine and season. As for Dinner Pattern IV, follow this and you'll wish Christmas Day came more than once a year. The day before the holiday prepare the celery and salad greens, and chill in

Christmas Dinner IV

When you want to entertain and two-plate stove must do the cooking for your guests.
Tomato Juice
Brown Chicken Fricassee with
Dumplings
String Beans with Lemon Butter
Celery Toasted Split Rolls
Tossed Salad of Greens,
With Oranges, Grapefruit,
Apples and Grapes
Crackers and Assorted Cheeses
with Bowl of Nuts and Raisins
or Coffee Ice Cream
Nuts Coffee

refrigerator along with the tomato juice. Prepare the string beans and chill. If desired, make the Chicken Fricassee the day before, then chill. Reheat on Christmas Day; make the dumplings and steam on top of hot fricassee.

Here are some recipes right on hand and ready for use on this preparation day.

BREAD STUFFING

3 qts. stale (not hard) bread-crumbs.
1/2 tsp. salt.
1 tsp. sage.
2 tsp. chopped celery.
2 tsp. chopped parsley.
1 tsp. pepper.
1/2 c. butter or margarine.
1/2 c. minced onion.
Use day-old bread for the crumbs. Combine the breadcrumbs, salt, sage, celery, parsley and pepper. Melt the butter in a large skillet, add the onion, and simmer until tender. Add the seasoned breadcrumbs and brown, stirring the crumbs constantly from the bottom. Stuff 1 bird weighing 8 lb. after it is dressed.

FRUIT AND OLIVE SALAD

2 large oranges.
6 large stuffed olives.
1/2 c. French dressing.
1 large avocado pear.
Salad greens.
With a sharp knife, pare the oranges deep enough to remove all membrane. Remove the orange sections and cut each section in half. Thinly slice the olives, and add with the oranges to the French dressing. Peel the avocado pear and cut in half crosswise. Carefully pull the halves away from the seed; then cut each half into crosswise rings about 1/4 in. thick. Arrange a ring of avocado on each six individual beds of salad greens, and fill the centre of each ring with some of the orange, olive and French dressing mixture. Serves 6.

POTATO AND CELERY STUFFING

8 medium potatoes.
1 c. hot milk or 1/2 c. evaporated milk and 1/2 c. water, heated.
2 tsp. salt.
1/2 tsp. pepper.

2 eggs beaten.
4 tsp. butter or margarine.
1 large peeled minced onion.
2 c. minced celery.
4 tsp. minced parsley.
Pare potatoes and cook until tender. Mash; add hot milk salt and pepper. Add eggs and mix thoroughly, using potato masher. Melt butter in a saucepan; add onion and cook until tender. Add remaining ingredients and blend thoroughly. Add this mixture to the mashed potatoes. Stuff 1 chicken or duck weighing 1 lb. after it is dressed.

BAKED PLUM PUDDING

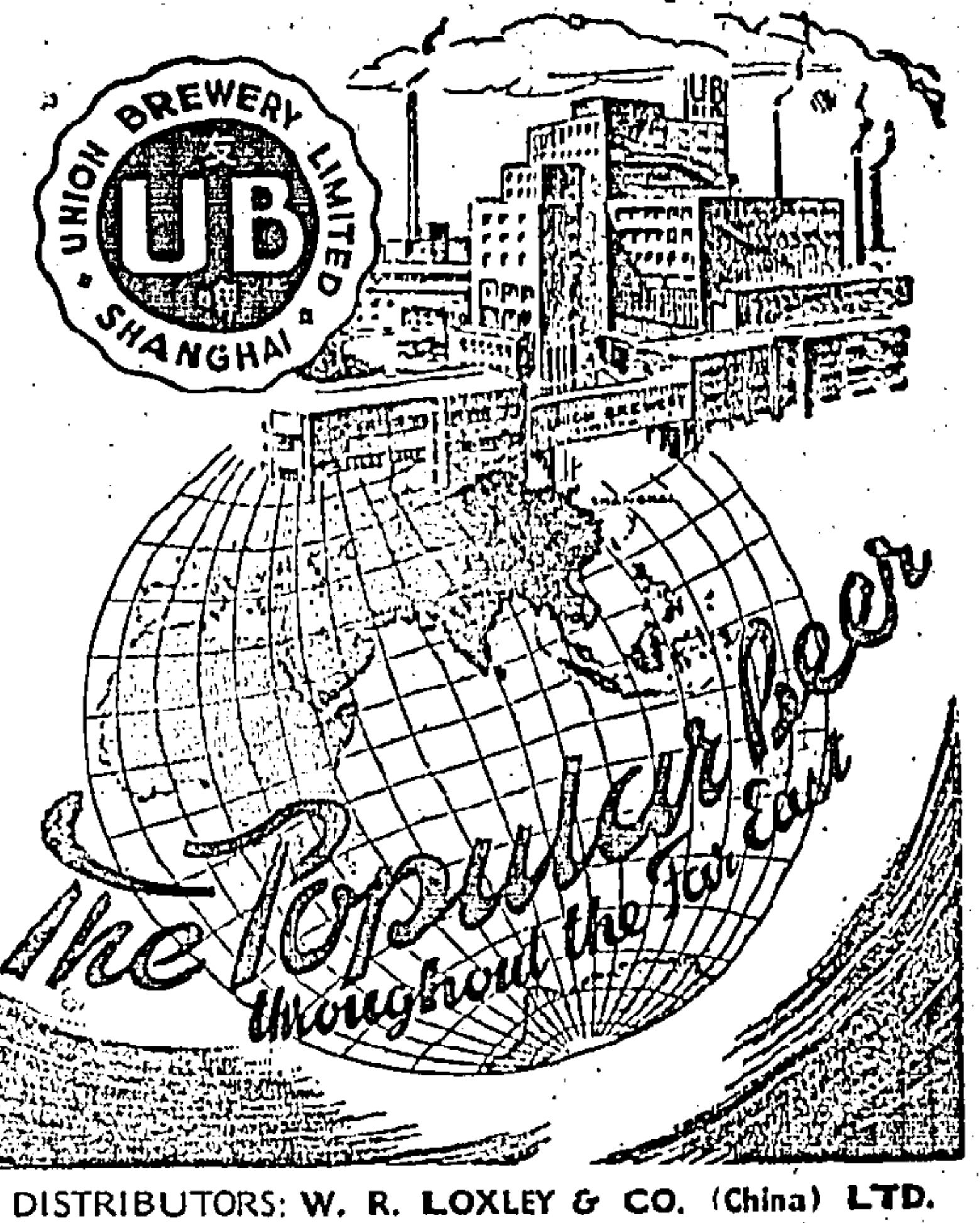
1 1/2 c. brown sugar.
3 c. water.
6 tsp. butter or margarine.
1 egg beaten.
1 1/4 c. sifted cake flour.
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder.
1/2 tsp. salt.
1/2 c. raisins.
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract.
Combine 1 c. of the brown sugar, the water, and 1 tsp. of the butter, and simmer for 10 min. Meanwhile cream the remaining 4 tsp. butter with the remaining 1/2 c. of the brown sugar. Add the beaten egg and mix well. Sift the flour, baking powder, salt, and raisins together, and add to the creamed mixture while stirring. Add the hot syrup into a pan about 8 in. x 12 in., and drop the pudding mixture by tablespoons onto the hot syrup. Bake in a moderate oven of 350 deg. F. for 45 min. Serve warm or cold with plain cream or ice cream. Serves 8.

MOULDDED TOMATO CHEESE SALAD

10oz. tin tomato soup.
10oz. cream cheese.
1oz. unflavored gelatin.
1/2 c. cold water.
1 c. mayonnaise.
1 c. finely chopped raw vegetables (celery, onions, green pepper, and pimiento).
Lettuce.
Heat soup to boiling, remove from heat, add cheese, and beat with a hand beater or an electric beater at medium speed until thoroughly blended. Meanwhile soak the gelatin in the cold water for 5 min.; then add to the hot soup mixture and stir until gelatin is dissolved. Cool, but do not allow to thicken. Add all remaining ingredients but the lettuce and pour into a pan about 8 in. x 8 in. x 2 in. Chill until firm. Cut into 9 squares and serve on individual beds of lettuce with or without salad dressing. Serves 9.



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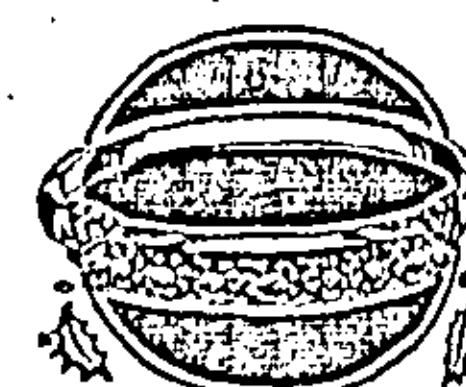
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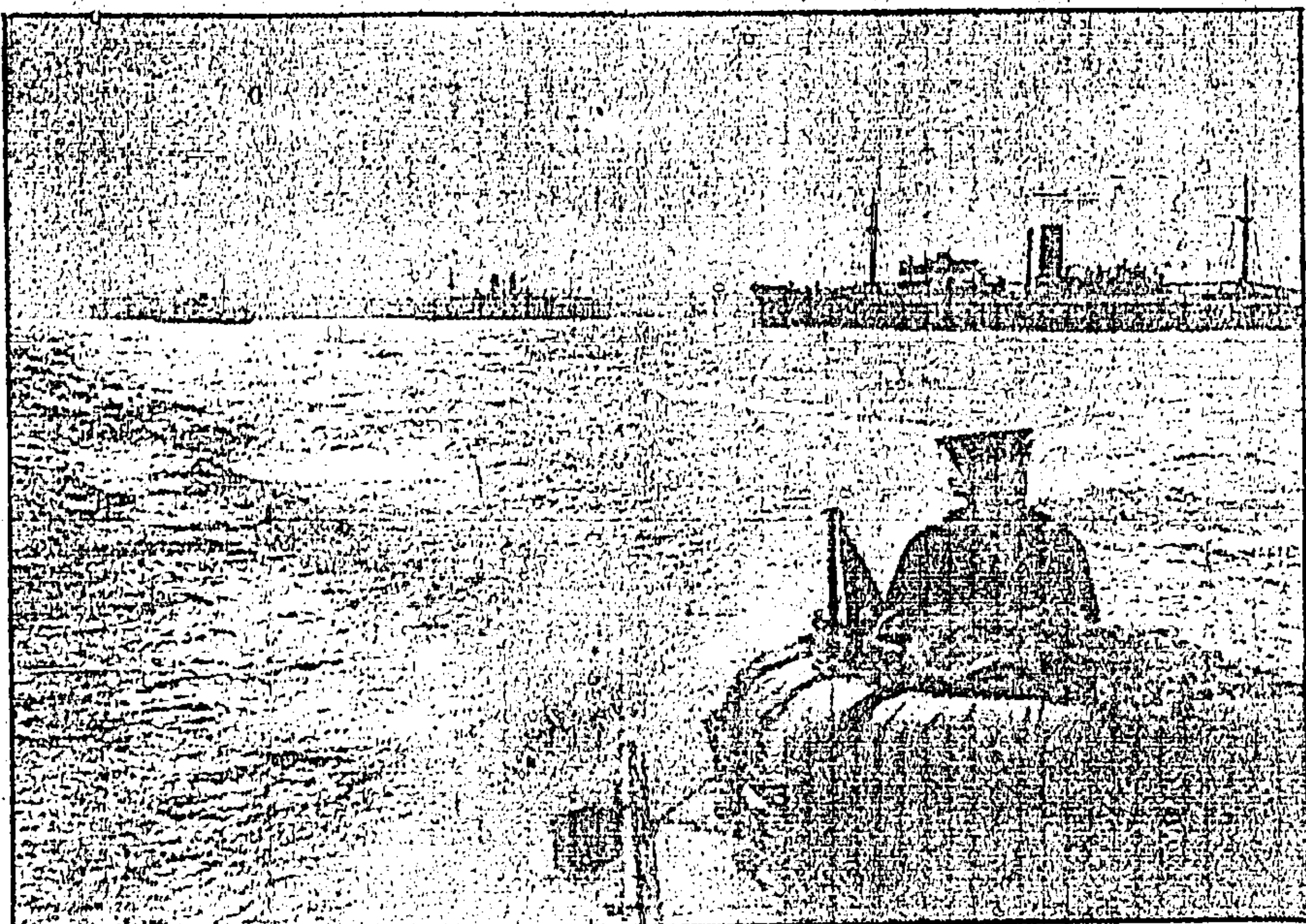
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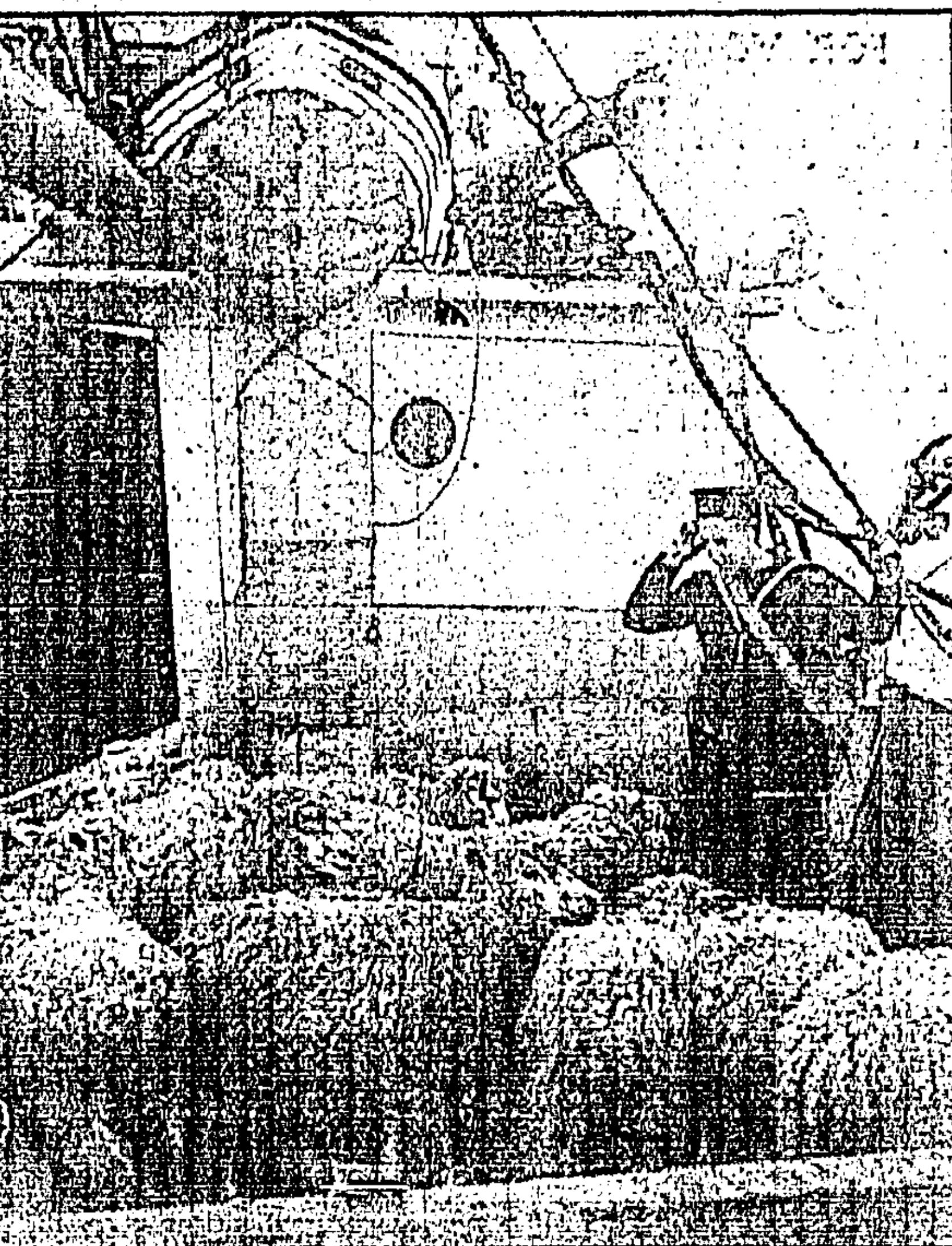
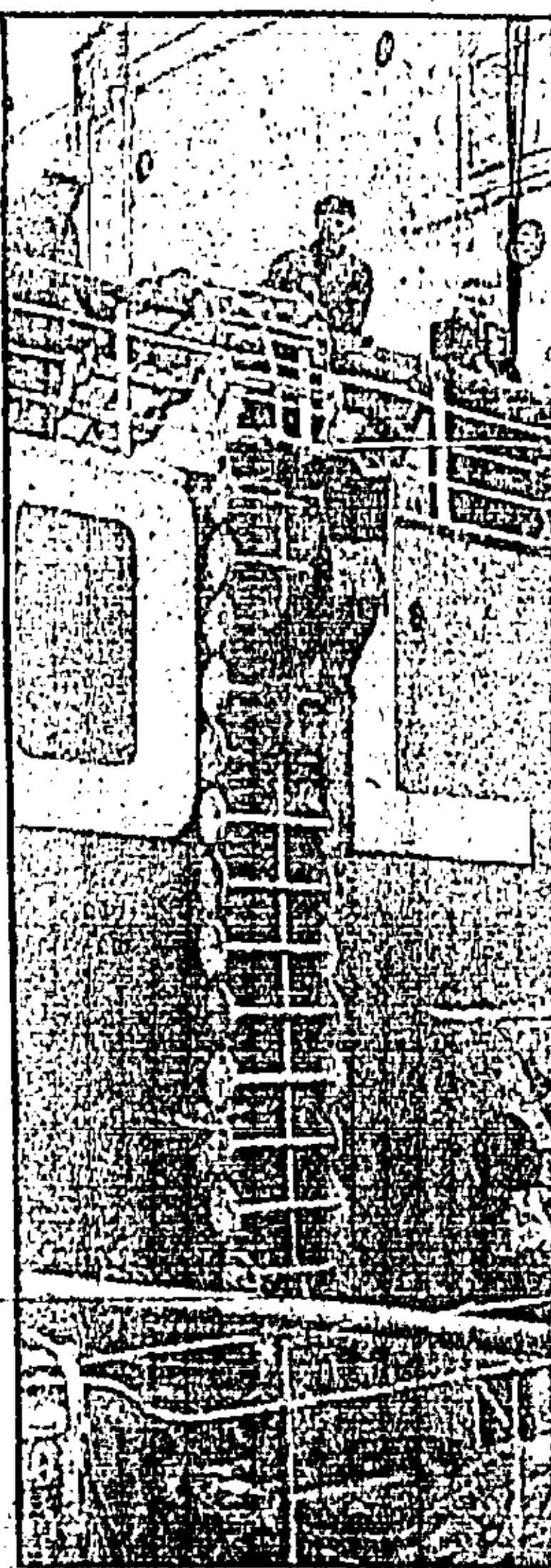
THESE MEN BLOCK GERMANY'S WAR SUPPLIES



Photograph above was taken from a patrol boat on its way to interrogate neutral shipping, seen gathered on the horizon. Right: One of the patrol crews goes aboard to take part in the search for contraband.

THE British contraband control fleet has already achieved an enviable record. Since the beginning of the war it has dealt with 375 vessels, and has intercepted 315,000 tons of contraband goods destined for Germany—this in addition to 150,000 tons seized by the French Navy.

The search is going on night and day, and these pictures show the patrolmen at work on a round-up of ships.



Engaged in the search of a neutral ship, this British sailor found himself mixed up with a cargo of sheep, and taxed his memory in vain for orders of procedure in such a contingency.

Contraband Control Shows Restraint for Neutrals

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—"Reuter" learns from official sources that the Contraband Control has not yet physically unloaded any exports of German origin although a number of cargoes have been allowed to proceed only under the terms of the so-called "Black Diamond" guarantee under which the shipping company concerned gives a guarantee that the goods carried will not be released at the port of destination until the Contraband Control authorities are satisfied.

It is thought that no great detention of such German exports will even occur, the reason being the natural desire of neutrals not to run the risk of German goods being seized by the Control, with the consequent preference for either obtaining German supplies via land routes or ordering them from other sources.

The Contraband Control allows certain cargoes, recent cases being that several cargoes of German origin, online drugs, shipped for South America were allowed.

"Ali Baba"

Fine Entertainment By "Y" Players

Lavishly costumed and boasting scenery which is undoubtedly as fine as anything seen on the local stage, the "Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Club's performance "Ali Baba" is a praiseworthy contribution to this year's Christmas entertainments.

It keeps well up to the traditions of this type of extravaganza, bejewelled with neatly sung songs, skilful dancing, and a palatable amount of wit.

"Bunny" Austin, Bill Colledge, William Kirby, John Greenberg, Bill Grege and Bill Wimsot put across a dozen clever quips levelled against several of the Colony's leading institutions and traditions, and with a hard working chorus, the show goes with a fine swing from start to finish. William Kirby and Helen Lockhart give accomplished acting performances. Anne O'Ryan is an attractive Ali Baba and Phyllis Kirby is delightful in the role of Princess Morgiana. Fully ably played by Ralph Speckinby, and the huge camel (Chester Lammond and Rex Jeffrey) are the special delights of the children in the audience.

Heater Wirginis sings two songs very melodiously and Helen Lockhart also scores with two or three vocal numbers. The show has been prepared with great thoroughness and is a credit to all participating.

Seaforth Faces Serious Charge

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Private Eckford of the Seaforth Highlanders, will be tried by a British Supreme Court on January 9 in connection with the death of Lance Corporal Davies on the night of November 4.

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Faint points of light in lamp standards gave a glimmer of light which is aptly described by lighting experts as one of starlight but not so strong as moonlight.

Better for Shoppers

Even this fractional amount of light, however, is welcomed by Christmas shoppers, for it prevented many people from bumping into obstacles.

The new lighting is expected to be available throughout most of the country shortly.

A degree of relaxation in the blackout regulations as affecting shop-windows is already in operation and the scheme to improve the interior lighting of buses and trolley buses is officially adopted.

Tribute To Newsmen

CHUNGKING, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—In a leading article this morning addressed to foreign correspondents in China, the "Central Daily News," the official organ of the Chinese Government, expresses gratification at the fairness and accuracy of the news reports filed by foreign Pressmen in China in the two years of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

The journal, however, hopes that the correspondents, in spite of the war in Europe, would continue to "cover" the Chinese news fully, and also personally keep the editors in their home offices informed of the actual conditions in China.

FLOATING MINES IN H.K. WATERS

Mines continue to float around the Colony's waters.

Sub-Lieut. T. Parsons of the Hongkong Naval Defence Force has reported that he sighted a floating mine about 7 o'clock on Tuesday morning near the Admiralty Light. He sent it from his launch with Lewis-gun fire opposite Cheung Chau harbour. Later he sighted three other drifting mines near Admiralty Light. They were moving in a westerly direction, and he reports that he considers them a danger to navigation. They have not yet been destroyed.



Here the captain (right) of a neutral vessel is seen giving to two British Naval officers particulars of its port of departure, cargo, and its destination.

Why Is The British Empire At War?

Answer In The Hearts Of The People

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Sir Samuel Hoare, the Lord Privy Seal, broadcasting to the Empire at 3 p.m., said that if asked why the British Empire fought he would not answer as a Minister.

"The answer is not found in Downing Street nor in Cabinet rooms of the Dominions," he said. "The motives which led people into making the decision were those which sprang from the belief that the everlasting values of the principles which we could not put a price on were in danger."

"The possibility of a decent, orderly and happy life in the world were being undermined and destroyed."

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We realised that the machines which were good enough to-day would not be up to the needs of to-morrow. We intended to keep the lead and win and hold the command of the air.

Glorious Memories

Referring to the glorious memories awakened by the arrival of Canadian troops in Britain, Sir Samuel Hoare said that the men in the street had had no warning of the event. So his joy, delight and sense of being in one mighty brotherhood that spans continents, bridges, and oceans had suddenly swept over him in a triumphant wave of affection and pride.

FINLAND'S APPEAL FOR PEACE

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Finland has made another peace appeal to Moscow.

In a Russian broadcast, the announcer called on the Russians to rise against the provokers of the war and bring peace between Soviet Russia and Finland.

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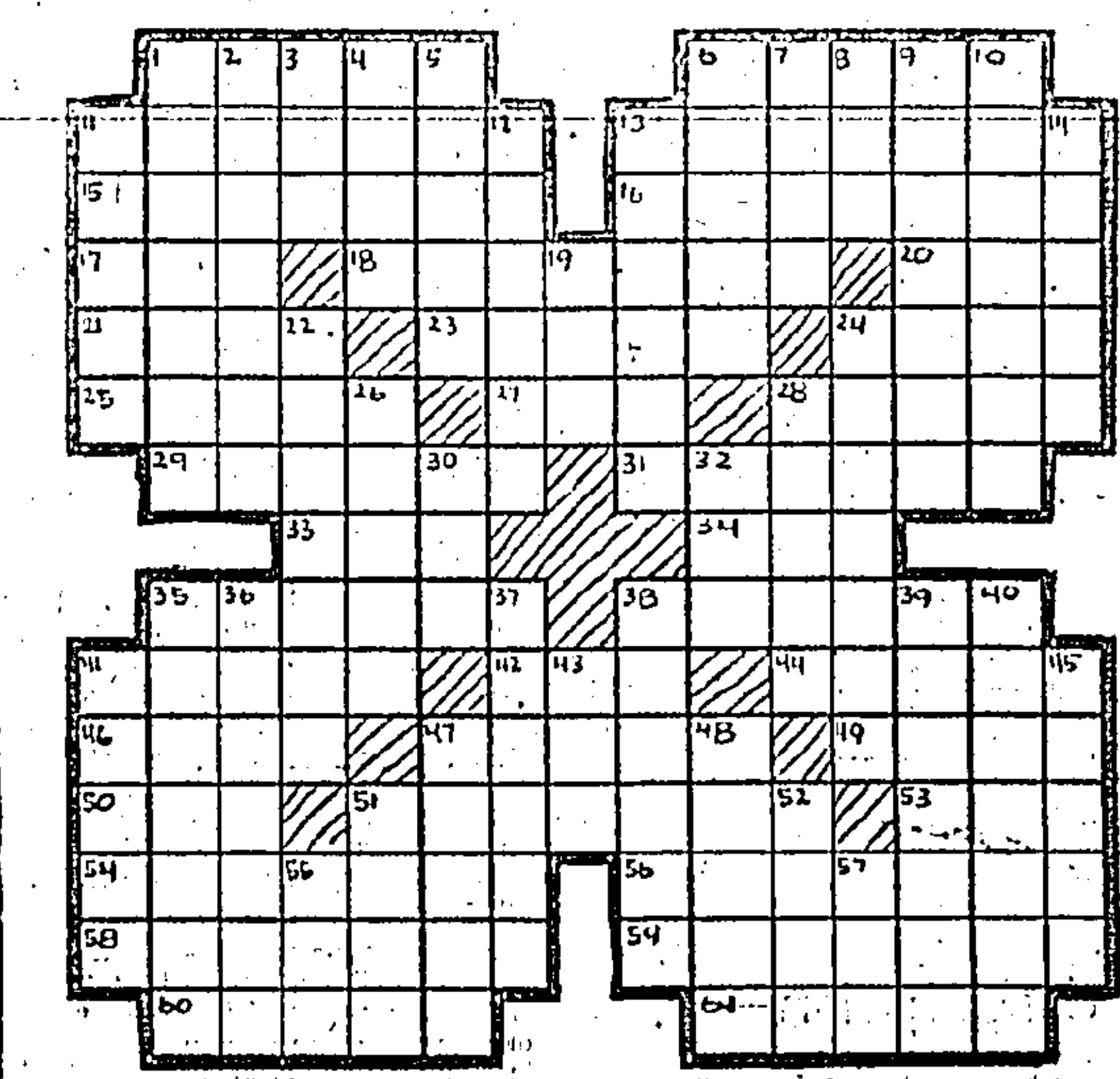
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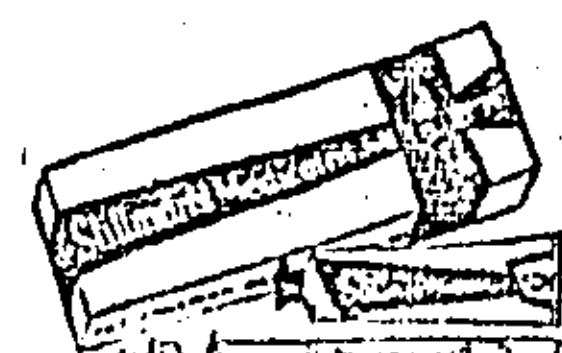
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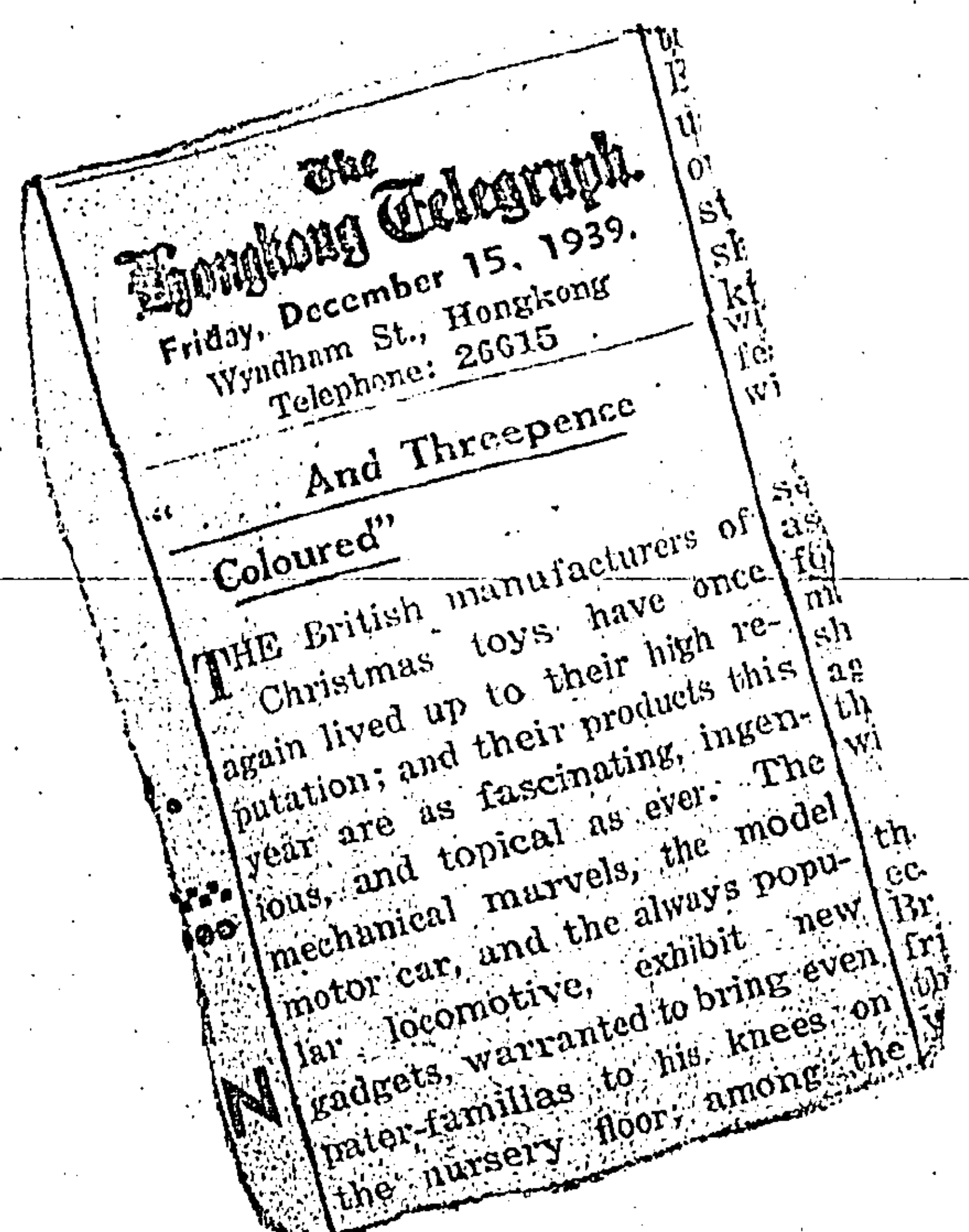
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Reopening Of Yangtse Conditions Soon To Be Made Known

NOMURA'S LONG TALK WITH SIR R. CRAIGIE Storm of Criticism Greeted Cabinet's New Proposal

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Dec. 21 (UP).—The conditions under which the Japanese will reopen the Yangtse River will be determined in a few days, according to a statement reported to have been made by Admiral Nomura the Foreign Minister to Sir Robert Craigie the British Ambassador.

Sir Robert Craigie was with Admiral Nomura for an hour and five minutes yesterday, when the Foreign Minister requested the Ambassador to ask the British Government to take steps which would conform with the Japanese conditions concerning the Yangtse.

It is also believed that they discussed the Tientsin issues with a view to entering into negotiations for a readjustment of relations between Britain and Japan based on "actual conditions in China."

Many Objections

That there are considerable objections to the Japanese decision to open the Yangtse, "even in the Cabinet itself" is revealed by the "Kokumin Shinbun."

The paper states that Mr. Naoshi Ohara the Home Minister and Mr. T. Kanamitsu the Overseas Minister asked Admiral Nomura to give "full consideration to possible internal reactions" to such a move.

It is reported that there have been considerable repercussions in unofficial circles to the announcement of the proposed reopening of the river, and there is apprehension that this may undermine a thorough prosecution of the China conflict and the construction of a "new order" in East Asia.

Chief Criticisms

The "Kokumin Shinbun" stated that the criticisms levelled at the proposed action are as follows: "Firstly, it will be contrary to Japan's desire for a new order in East Asia. Secondly, it will result in China being kept in an intractable position. Thirdly, it will invite contempt by Britain, the United States and Chungking. Fourthly, it will encourage the United States to raise 'such fundamental issues as the conditions for the reopening and the status of the various Japanese development companies thus attempting to destroy Japan's prosecution of the China war.'"

The paper added that these critics are closely watching the steps being taken by Admiral Nomura and General Abe to meet the situation.

Not Gesture Of Yielding

TOKYO, Dec. 21 (Domei).—The intended opening of the Yangtze up to Nanking should never be considered to be in any way a yielding on the part of Japan to pressure from outside in any form whatever, or as Japan's deliberate gesture to coax the whims of any specific Power, declares the "Japan Times."

"The step is to be regarded simply as a definite act of good faith by Japan in accordance with her clear principle of respecting the rights and interests of others."

The reported preparations to resume navigation on the Pearl River is certainly prompted by the same spirit.

Inasmuch as the so-called Grew-Nomura talks are now being carried on, the question of the re-opening of the Yangtze appears to be regarded in some quarters as a bait to accelerate the talks to Japan's advantage, the journal continues, adding, "nothing can be farther from the truth."

No String Attached

"There is no string attached to Japan's plan of action in this particular respect. However, it will prove a timely test of how far the United States really appreciates the situation in China, as well as of the sincerity of Japan's efforts to accommodate third Powers as far as circumstances permit."

"Equally, it will be a test of other Powers as to how far they appreciate the realities in China and Japan's part therein."

"If Washington fails to recognize these simple facts, and talks of carrying out an embargo on exports to Japan at the next National Legislature, and threatens to go to the extent of radically upsetting trade with Japan, her action will certainly be taken as decidedly unfriendly," the "Japan Times" concludes.

Warning To Powers

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A warning to Foreign Powers that a cynical and sceptical acceptance of the Japanese gesture in re-opening a section of the Yangtse River might embitter Japanese public opinion and hinder the Japanese Government's endeavours to make further concessions throughout China was made by



PRIME MINISTER ABE

Telling Goebbels

Where To Get Off

AUSTRALIA MEANS TO BE VICTOR Nazis Lie Refuted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 20, (UP).—Australia is in the war just as much as Britain and France, and she will not quit until victory is assured, declared Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, in inaugurating the Australian Government's first short-wave national broadcast, which was picked up in London today.

Refuting the German broadcast that Australia supplies Britain merely with foodstuffs, and will not risk her fighting forces, Mr. Menzies declared: "We are not benevolent neutrals. We are a belligerent people and we are in this war to win. We did not enter it lightly, and we will not depart except as victors."

N. Zealand's Effort

WELLINGTON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—In addition to her other contributions, New Zealand is also to contribute to Britain's naval strength, while her air force expects to double its personnel strength within 15 months and to treble the number of men serving overseas.

Twenty merchant ships are now employed, guarding Auckland. Vessels for training men for mine-sweeping and anti-submarine work are being put into operation, and an armoured merchant cruiser has been provided.

A naval escort was provided by New Zealand for the first reinforcements for the garrisons in Pacific Islands and men of the Volunteer Reserve have been placed at the disposal of the Admiralty.

The Japanese Embassy spokesman at yesterday afternoon's Press conference.

Difficulties Foreseen

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—While noting with satisfaction the Japanese Government's announced intention of "officially" re-opening the Yangtse River, well-informed circles in Paris do not underestimate the difficulties surrounding the question. It is felt here that the matter is one which primarily concerns Britain because of her river traffic, although France and other European countries and America are also concerned.

Inevitable Issues

It seems inevitable that such questions must arise as the presence of Japanese troops along the banks of the Yangtse, river barrages, Japanese demands for a strict watch on munitions in order to stop the supply of arms to the army of Chiang Kai-shek, and Japanese control of the Customs. It is pointed out that whether the creation of a convoy system for the purpose of stopping the arms traffic would meet the Japanese case is a problem which must require close attention.

British Press Views

CANADA SETS THE PACE Overseas Force Welcomed

LONDON, Dec. 20, (Reuter).

—The arrival of Canadian troops and the latest figures showing the present trade position are the two main topics discussed by the British Press.

The "Times" says that Canadians are more united today than they were in 1914, and more united over the war than they have been over any issue for years. The landing of Canadian troops is important not only for the military help thus provided, but also showing Canada's whole-hearted participation in the war.

Striking Proof

The "Manchester Guardian" says that the arrival of the Canadians is a striking proof of Canada's enthusiasm for the Allied cause and her close co-operation with the British Commonwealth in the war. The war had hardly begun before an historical debate in the Canadian Parliament showed that Canada was united from ocean to ocean. The Government found itself faced with an embarrassing rush of recruits for service overseas.

Cherishing News

Discussing the trade figures, the "Daily Telegraph" stresses that the exports in November were 60 per cent up over October. This is cheering news. Both foodstuffs and raw materials show a substantial increase, all round. But there is much leeway to make up, but the figures are interesting as showing that the tendency is strongly set in the direction of recovery.

The "Yorkshire Post" points out that in the last war recovery was very slow. We owe the present happy position equally to the enterprise of traders and the fine work of our sailors. The paper warns, however, that this improvement must be maintained, for it is just as true of Britain as of Germany that we must export or perish.

Nazi "Butchery"

"Butchery" is the name the "Daily Telegraph" gives to the Nazi plane attacks on defenceless fishing ships. The butchers, says the paper, are certain that when they attack these ships, they can attack with impunity. British fishermen, however, were not deterred by the weight of Hohenzollern arms in the last war and "they will not fear Hitler."

Nazi Claims Criticised

Neutral Newspaper
Takes Up Cudgels

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The newspaper, "Dagens Nyheter," sharply criticises the exaggerations of the German war claims, taking the destruction of the Graf Spee as an example.

The "Dagens Nyheter" reviews the difficulty of the neutral press in presenting the facts truly and impartially. Neutral editors, says the newspaper, witnessed three naval battles. First there was an actual engagement at the mouth of the River Plate.

Secondly there were the German Press telegrams on the action.

Thirdly, there was the British account. The real battle was more in accordance with the British account than with that simultaneously issued by the Germans.

"The 'Dagens Nyheter' concludes: 'German authorities must recognise that the mistrust which their war reports are received is not based on hostility or British influence, and the case of the Graf Spee shows that the mistrust is based in the first place on the nature of the German news material itself.'"

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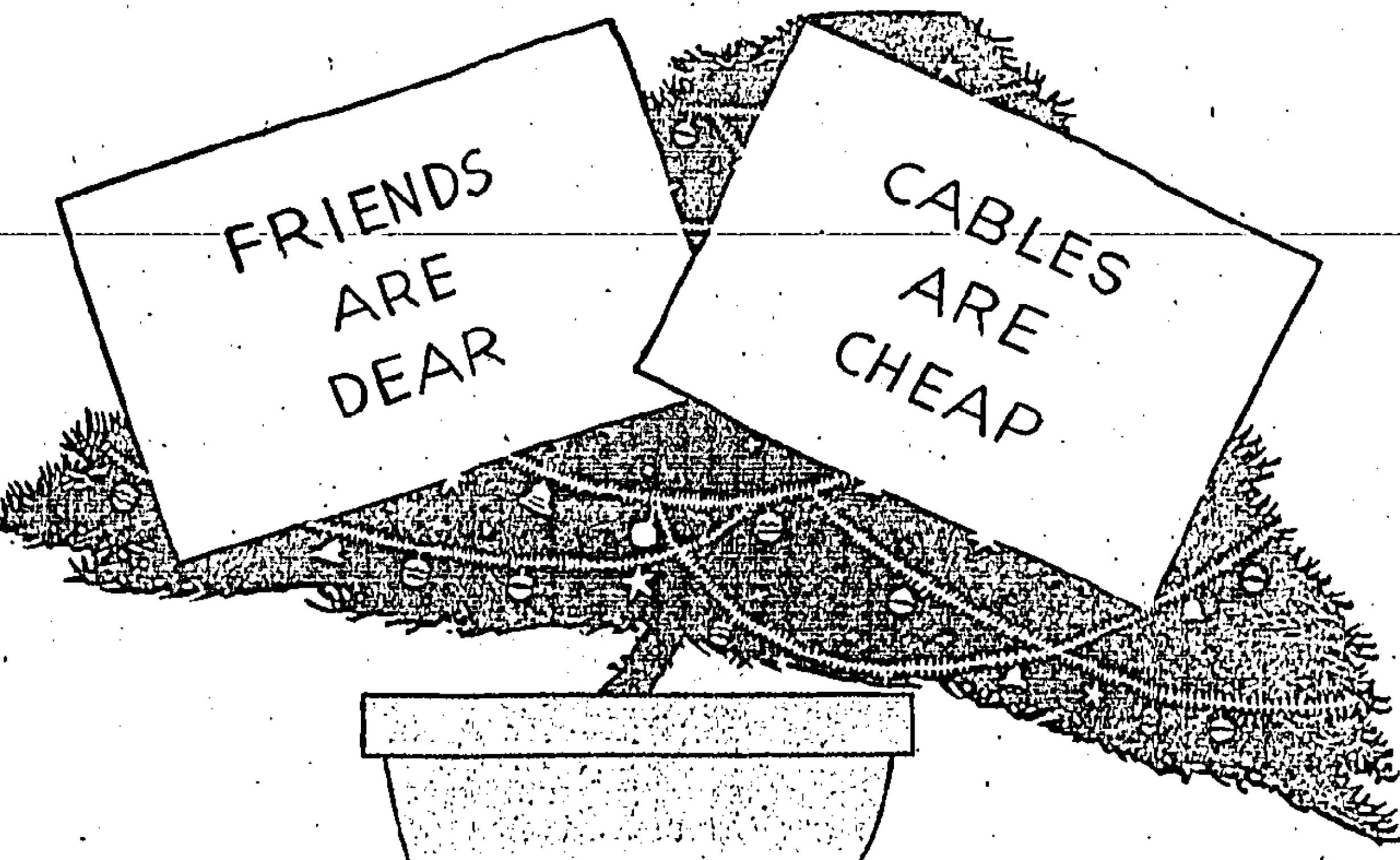
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Get There (from "Porgy and Bess"—
Gershwin); I Don't Know What's
Wrong (Byronnforth and Ede Ansell);
Roll Up Sailorman (film "Big Fella").

7. Light French Music.
7.45 Chantant ("Wal-Berg"); C'est

Dans Un Caboulot (Marc Lanjean)
... Dama (Vocal) with Orchestra;
Ah Dis, Ah Dis, Ah Bonjour (Charles

Trenet); La Vie Qui Va (French film
"Je chante")... Charles Trenet (Vo-
cal) with Orchestra; Valse—Ma Ban-

lieue (from Revue "Féerie de Paris");
Java—Sun Les Bees De Gaz (from
Revue "Féerie de Paris")... L'Ac-

cordeoniste Alexander and His Or-
chestra; Du Soleil Dans Ses Yeux
(Gaston Claret); Je Crois N'Avoir

Jamais Aime (film "Premiere")...
Dama (Vocal) with Orchestra; Le
Petit Quinquin (Oesroussaus); Au-

pres De Ma Blonde (Duhmich)...
Jean Sorlier (Vocal) with Orchestra.
7.30 London Relay—The News.

8 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
8.03 Strauss—"Der Rosenkavalier"

Suite.
Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra
conducted by Karl Alwin.

8.20 Songs by Amelia Galli-Curci
(Soprano).
Air and Variations (Proch); La

Fauvette ("Zemire el Azor"—Gretry)
... with Flute obbligato by Clement
Barone; Carnations (Valverde); Little

Star (Ponce)... with Piano accomp.
by Homer Samuels.
8.32 Villa Solos by Fritz Kreisler.

Liebesleid (Kreisler); Liebesfreud
(Kreisler)... with Piano accomp. by
Lamson; Caprice Viennois (Kreisler)

... with Piano accomp. by Rupp.
8.45 Studio—Talk on "Hiller and
the Arvan Rate."

9.05 Songs by Lina Pagliughi
(Soprano).
"The Pearl Fishers" (Bizet—Zanar-

dini); Cavatina di Lella; "Rigoletto"
(Verdi); Gilda's Aria; Caro nome;
"Mignon" (Thomas); Io son Titania

... with Orchestral accompaniment.
9.15 London Relay—News Sum-
mary.

9.20 London Relay—Talk by Lord
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9.45 Dance Music.

10 Variety with Gracie Fields,
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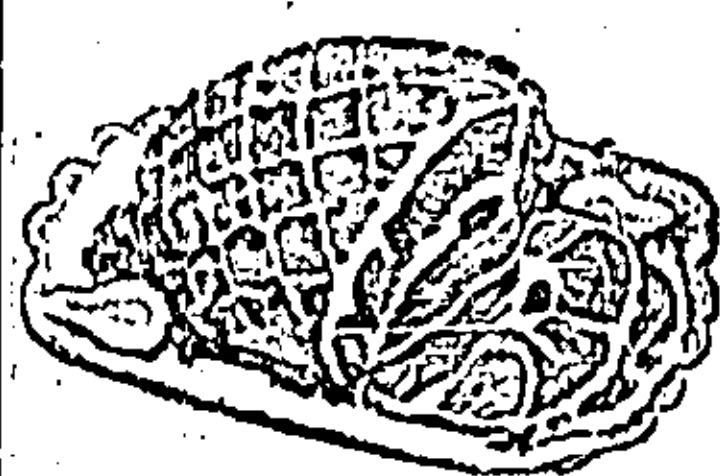
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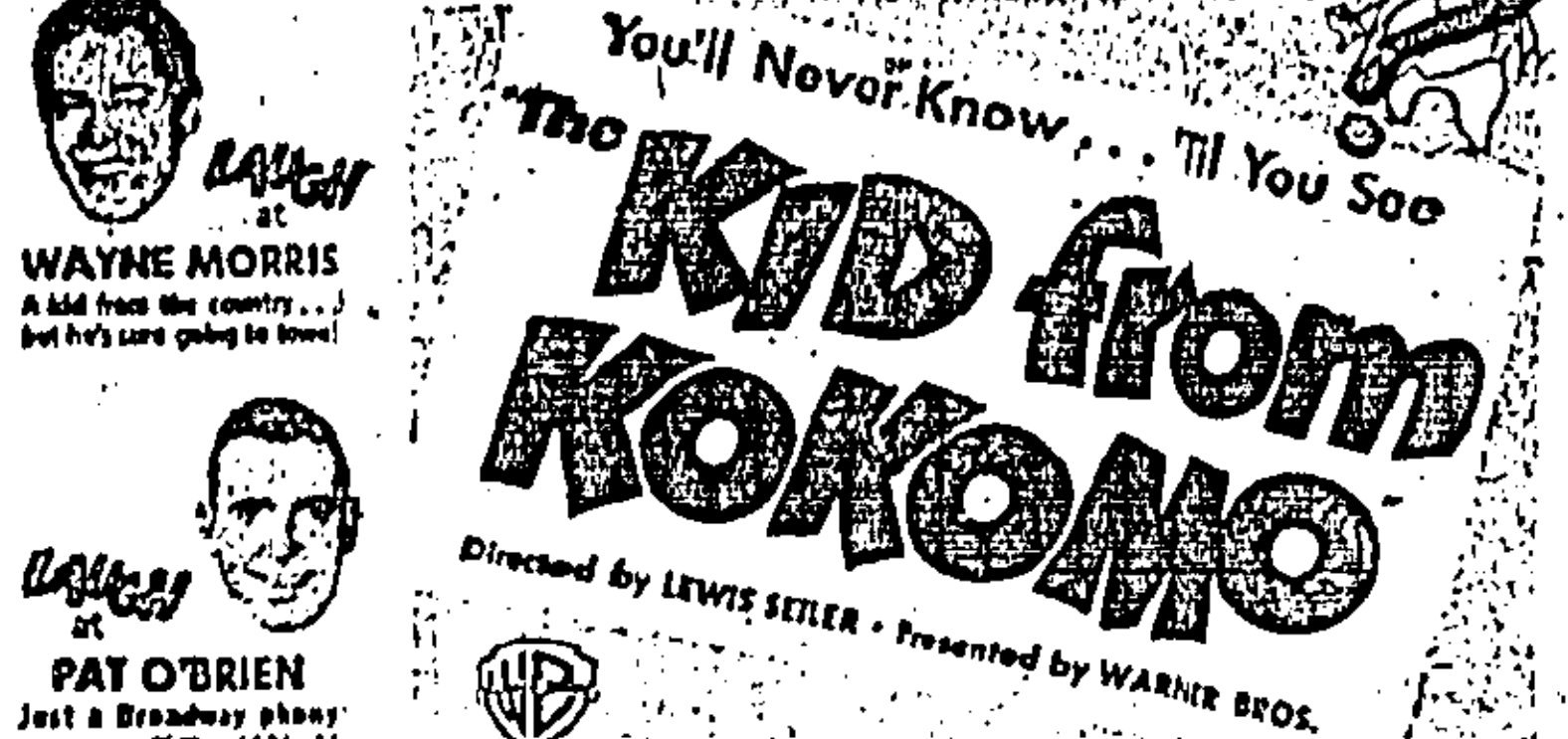
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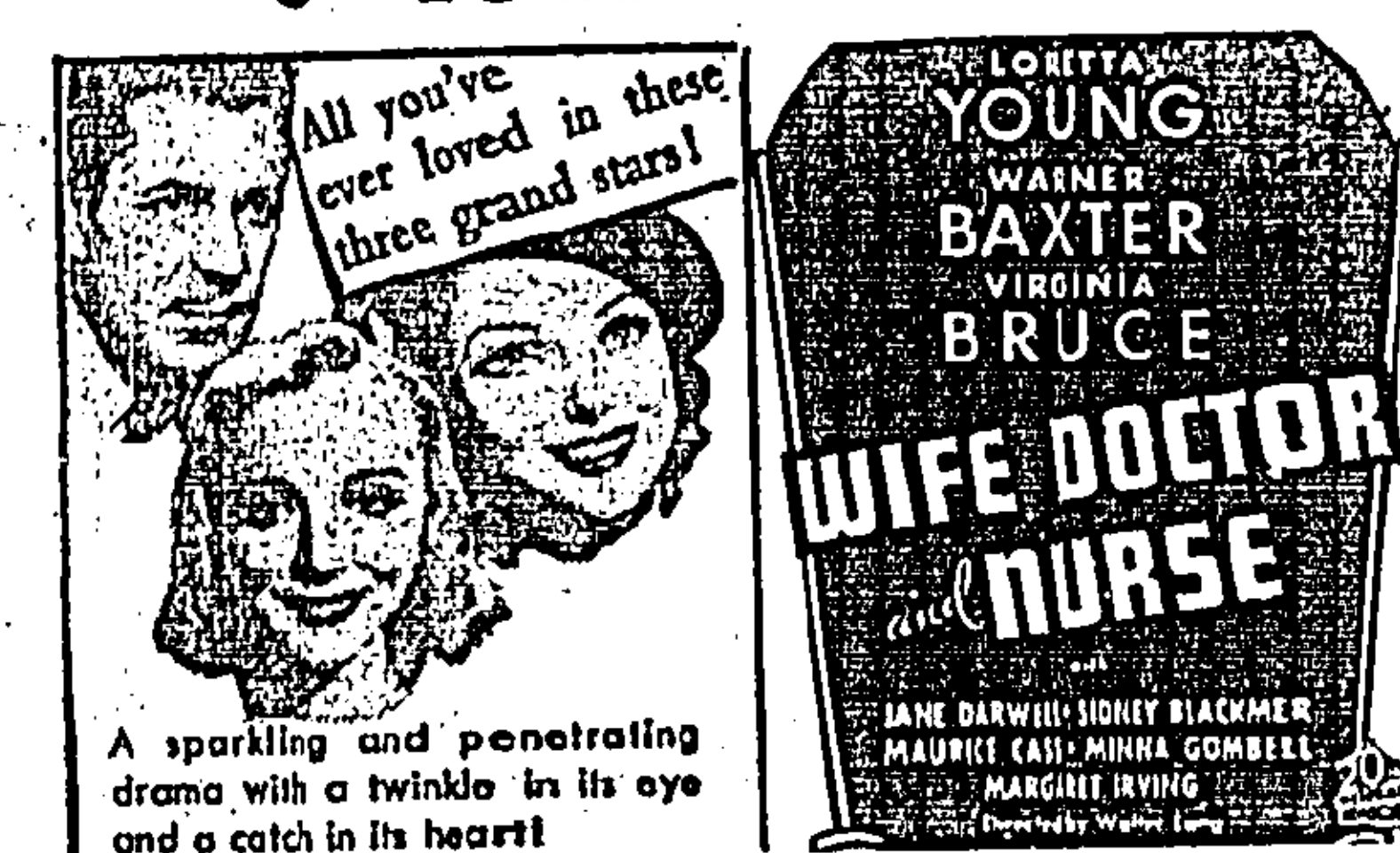
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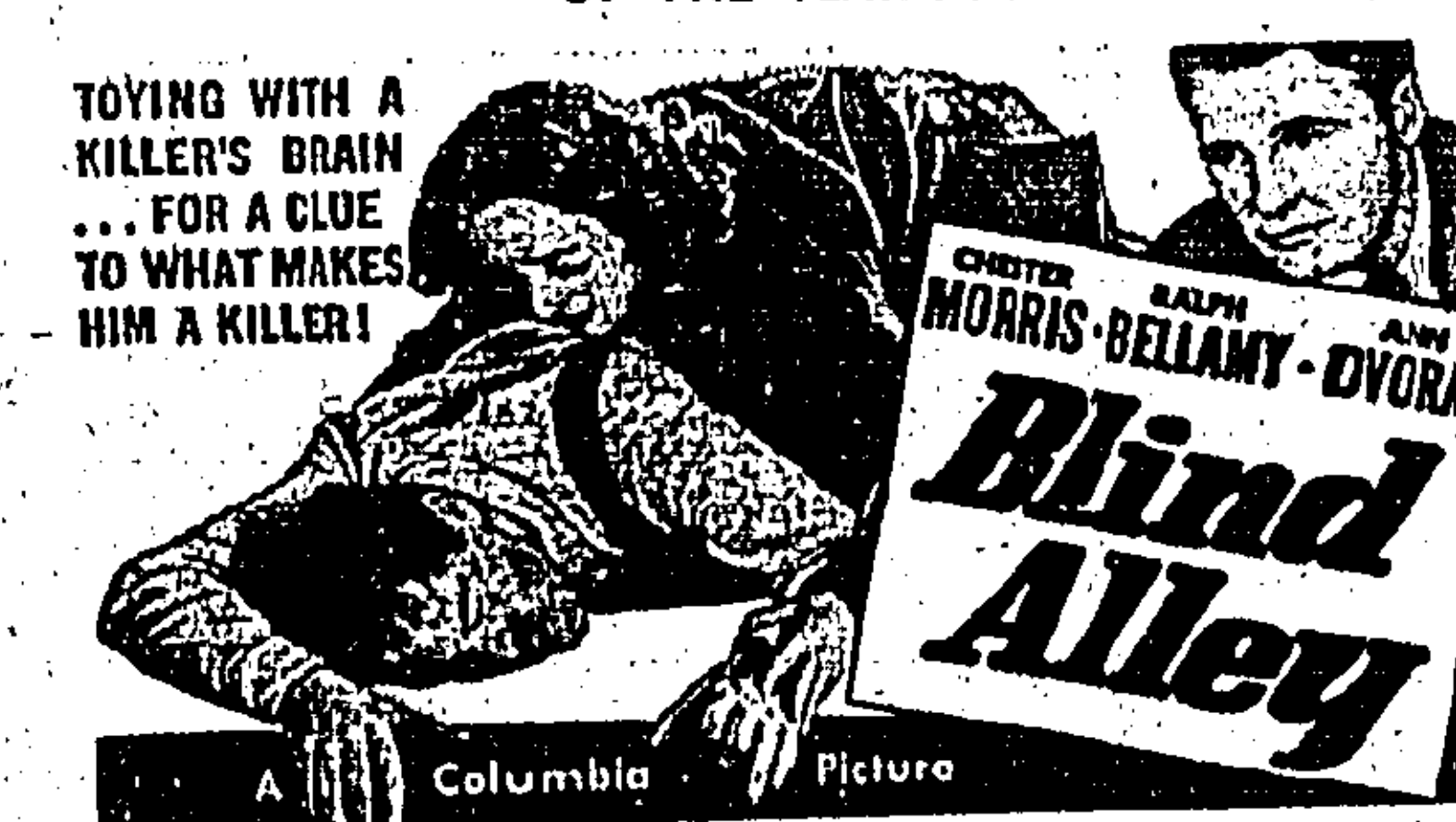
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Germany Loses Three Million Dollars Worth Of Trade With H.K. In November

COLONY'S TRADE IS STILL BUOYANT

DESPITE three months of war in Europe, Hongkong's visible trade during November decreased by only 6.6 per cent. compared with the November, 1938 figures.

This is revealed in the official report released by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, which shows that the combined values of imports and exports of merchandise (excluding treasure) during last month, totalled \$88,700,000 (£5,600,000) as compared with \$95,000,000 (£5,900,000) in November last year.

Nevertheless, the European war showed its effects during the month. For example, imports from the United Kingdom dropped from \$1,123,372 a year ago to \$1,460,481. On the other hand, exports to the United Kingdom rose from \$1,883,727 to \$2,016,725.

Nazis Lost Trade
Curiously enough, although exports to Germany completely ceased during November, imports in a highly restricted form were still made. They totalled \$43,732 for the month as compared with the 1938 figure of \$250,897.

Exports ceased, but a year ago they amounted to \$770,563.

Three million dollars worth of trade between Hongkong and Germany has thus been lost as a result of the war.

Italian imports were still far behind the normal, being \$50,198 compared with \$312,710, but exports increased during the month from \$77,025 to \$150,008.

Spain Still Suffering
Spain, another country affected by war, managed to increase her imports from \$9,532 to \$10,448, but exports continued to be nil.

France is another country affected in trade with Hongkong as a result of the present European conflict. Imports from France amounted to \$88,478 compared with \$234,504 and exports were valued at \$414,420 as against \$826,374. The November trade therefore was cut in half.

The Far East conflict continued to be reflected in the Colony's trade figures.

Japan is still gaining. Imports increased from \$1,404,000 to \$2,300,047 and exports from \$308,807 to \$701,154.

China's Losses
On the other hand trade with China slid further back.

North China was the worst sufferer. Imports amounted to \$16,787,055 which was close on \$7,000,000 less than a year ago, but there was an increase in exports from \$2,933,082 to \$3,042,856.

Central China's figures showed a decrease in imports from \$1,590,244 to \$176,040 and a decrease in exports from \$976,077 to \$163,718.

South China suffered both ways. The imports dropped from \$4,313,015 to \$5,989,003 and exports from \$3,882,973 to \$1,323,815.

LOSS TO WORLD OF MUSIC

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The death occurred in London on Tuesday of Mr. Eric Fogg who, for 16 years, was a member of the B.B.C. staff.

Mr. Fogg was the first conductor of the B.B.C. Empire Orchestra since its inception in 1934.

His death is a loss to the world of music, for his serious works showed an even greater promise for the future.

He had an unusual gift of being light-hearted even in his "serious music".

Children, too, will miss him, for he was well-known over children's programmes to younger listeners who were his fond admirers.

CHRISTMAS CEREMONY

Nativity Play and Choir Singing At Christ Church

A Nativity Play, which will largely take the form of a number of tableaux and the presentation of appropriate songs, is to be presented at the Christ Church, Waterloo Road, Kowloon, to-morrow night at 8.45 p.m.

The words will come largely direct from the Bible story, while the music will be supplied by a choir and partly by the congregation.

The musical arrangements have been made by Mrs. Goodson and Mr. John Smith, while many others have helped with properties, costumes, music, etc.

All will be welcomed at the Church to hear the Christmas presentation.

OBITUARY

Connoisseur Of Arts
Of China

London, Dec. 19. The death has occurred of Mr. George Eumorphopoulos, connoisseur of Chinese art, who passed through Hongkong in March, 1935, to help select the Chinese treasures shown in the Burlington Exhibition, London, later that year. This visit to Hongkong was the collector's first sight of the land on which he was considered an expert.

George Eumorphopoulos, creator of the finest private collection of Oriental art treasures in the world, was born in Liverpool in 1893. He came of a Greek family which had long been settled in England and, while thoroughly English by education and sympathies, kept in touch with the people of his forefathers.

In addition to inheriting considerable wealth he became a member of the great merchant banking firm of Hall Brothers, being for several years Vice-President. With sound taste and judgment he began early in life to buy specimens of Chinese and Japanese art of various periods and in 30 years had got together a collection which was the envy of all museum directors.

Through money was never a bar to his acquiring anything that was for sale, it was his knowledge of the history and phases of Oriental art that guided him in his purchases and he rarely made a mistake. His collection of over 3,000 specimens was particularly rich in Chinese gold work, ceramics and sculpture of the Yin, Sung and Ming dynasties.

He built up also smaller collections of the glass and sculpture of the Renaissance, metal work of the best Persian periods and ceramics of the Moorish occupation of Spain.

In 1934 Mr. Eumorphopoulos announced that his main collection was for sale. Various circumstances, he said, forced him to take this course, although it caused him great grief.

He offered to sell for £100,000, a price which experts described as ridiculously low. A movement was at once begun to acquire the collection for the nation and by January, 1935 the British Museum made the purchase.

Mr. Eumorphopoulos was a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

Many At Funeral
The large attendance of friends and relatives at the funeral of Mr. Walter Hung at the Chiu Yuen Cemetery, Mount Davis, yesterday, showed the esteem and popularity in which he was held.

Mr. Hung was only 30 years of age, and leaves two small children, John, aged one year, and Wendy, aged three. He died from pneumonia at the Canossa Hospital on Tuesday.

Many of those present yesterday paid their last respects by making three bows before the coffin, and one to the relatives.

Besides the widow, relatives present included Sir Robert Kotewall (father-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Lee Shiu-tai, Mr. and Mrs. Ho, Mr. and Mrs. (brother-in-law and sister), and Messrs. W. C. Hung, Archie Hung, C. C. Hung, H. C. Hung, Douglas Hung, H. Q. Hung.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Lo, Mr. and Mrs. L. de Souza, Dr. E. L. de Souza, Dr. Katie Woo, Dr. Chan Ping-in, Dr. E. J. Chan, Mr. and Mrs. Fung, Ping-fan, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lo, the Misses Kotewall.

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A large number of floral tributes were received.

LATE NEWS

Nazis Have Got A Sense Of Humour

BERLIN, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—According to the official news agency, German airmen dropped an umbrella over the British lines during Mr. Chamberlain's recent visit, with a message to the Premier about the weather.

20,000 Russians Wiped Out

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Finnish troops are reported to have wiped out practically two Soviet divisions near Suomussalmi.

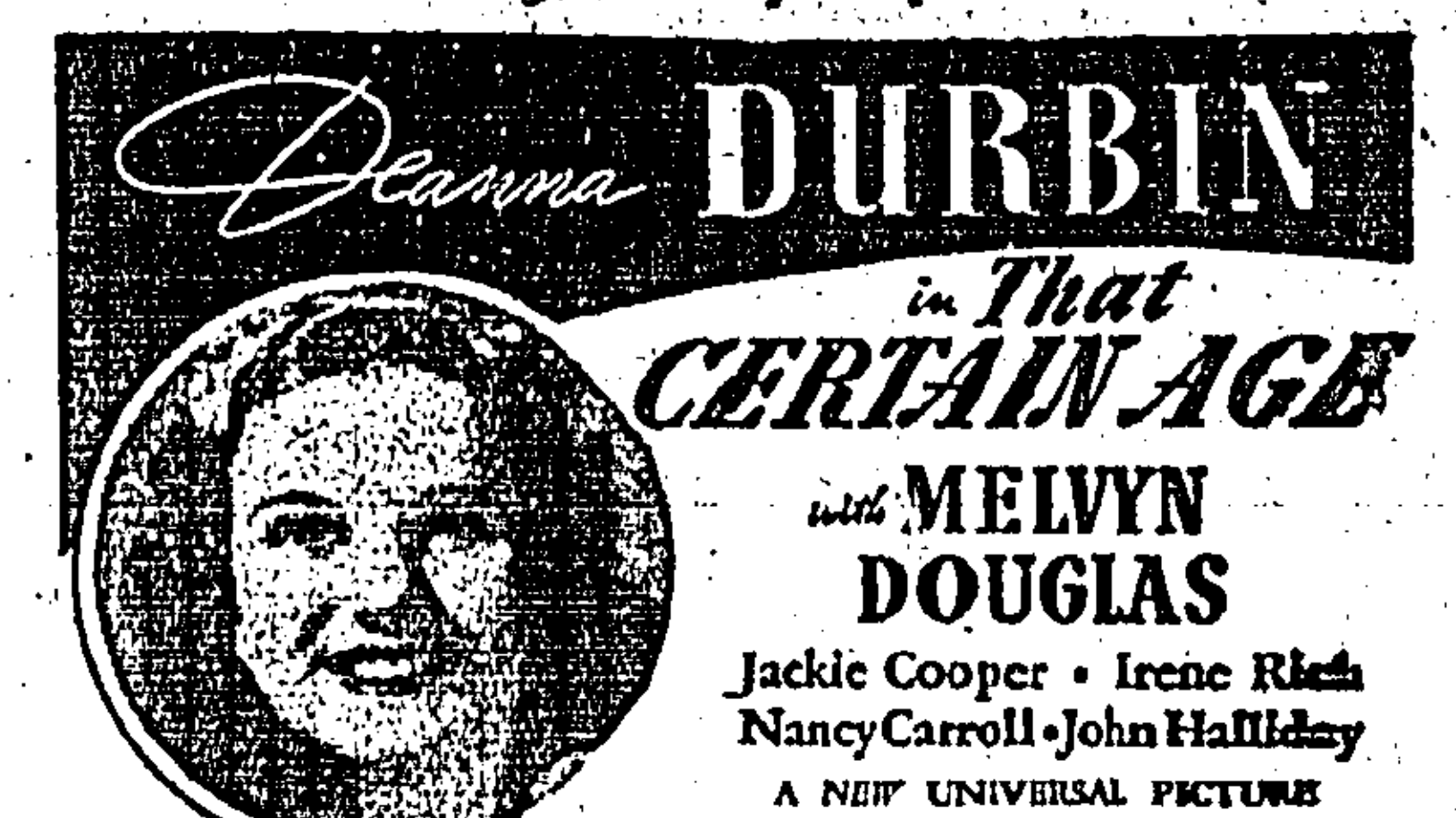
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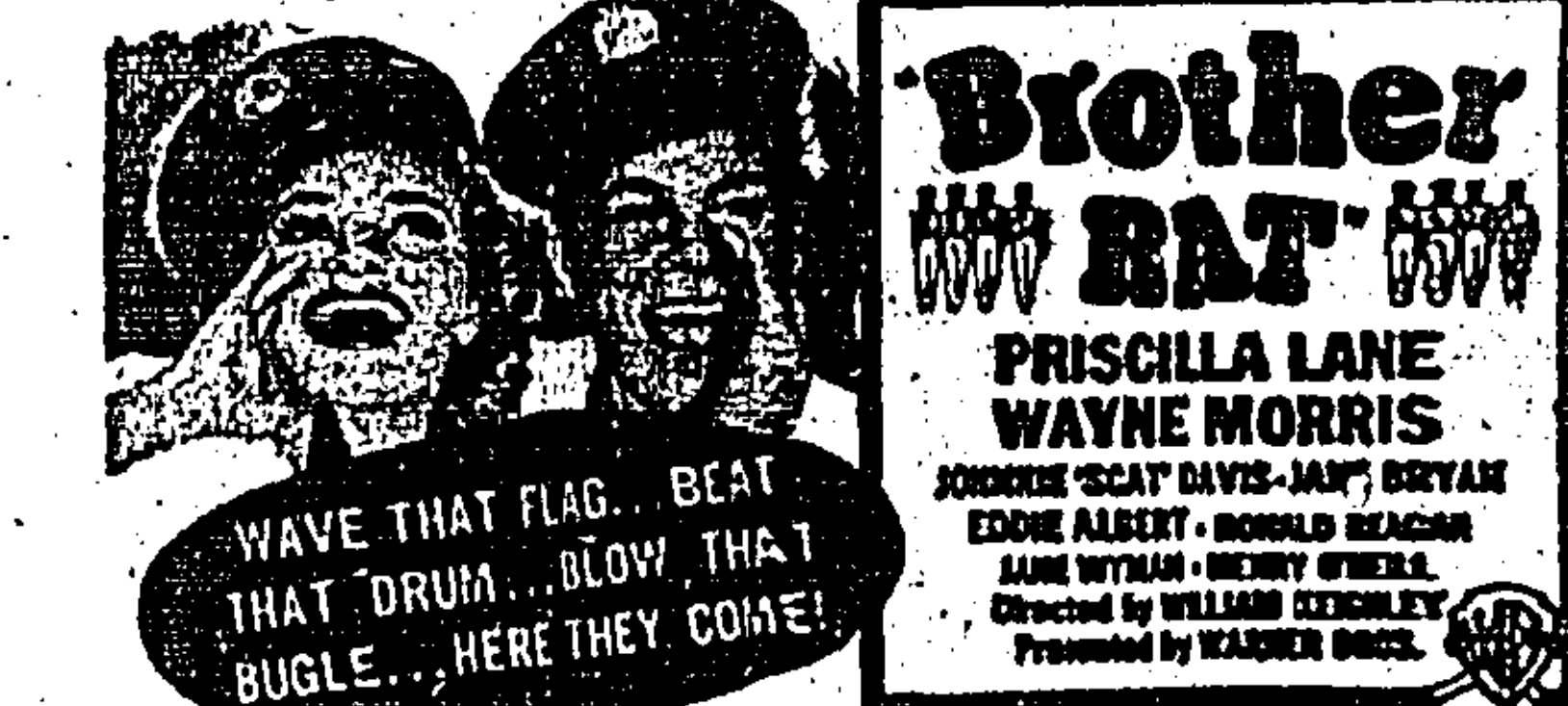
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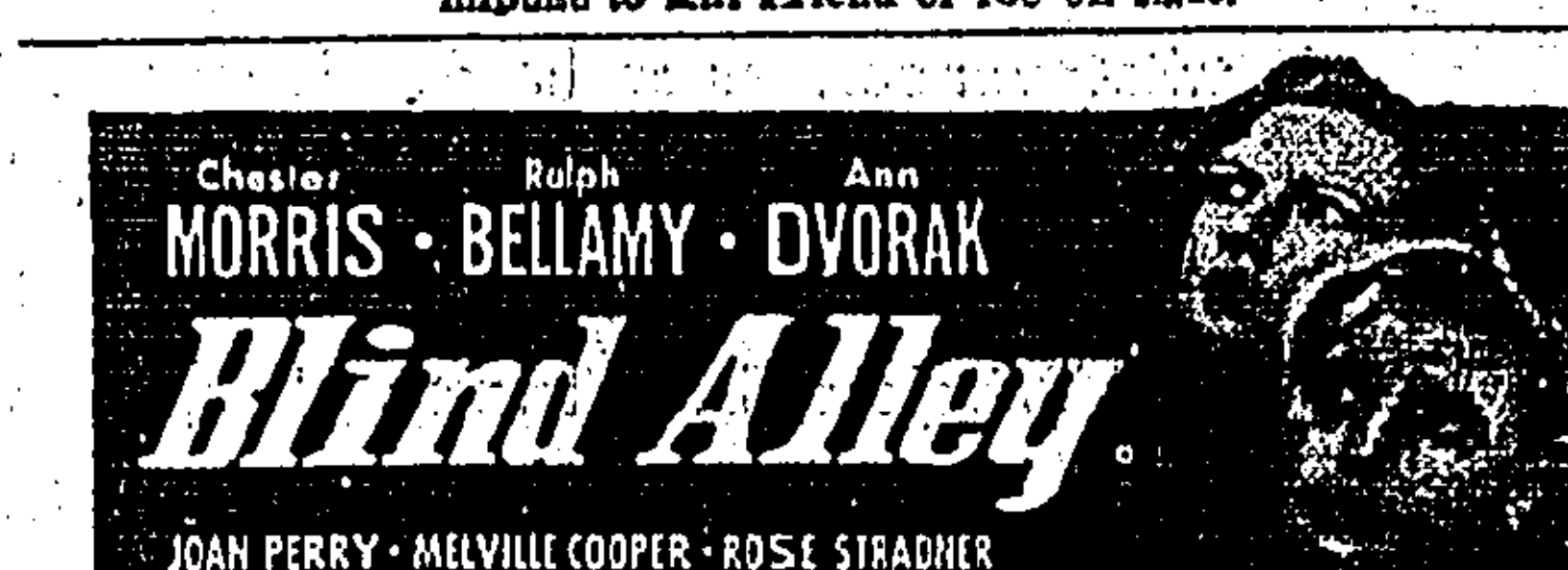
A comedy action picture of military cadets on the loose, its all good fun and loaded with laughs.



TWO DAYS ONLY! TO-MORROW AND SATURDAY

A MOST WEIRDLY FASCINATING THRILL PICTURE!

Strange story of a man with an irresistible impulse to kill friend or foe on sight.



TRINIDAD'S NAVAL VOLUNTEERS UNIT

LONDON, Dec. 20 (British Wireless).—Britain's naval base in Trinidad has been strongly reinforced by the formation of a naval volunteer unit, which is now working at full strength.

The Trinidad Naval Volunteers, as the unit is called, was formed without any recruiting campaign, but in spite of that, five times the number of men required applied for enlistment.

Men are drawn from all parts of the Colony, from St. George, Tobago, San Fernando, Maricao, and the Port of Spain. Many are yachtsmen and deep-sea fishermen. Some, however, have served in the navy or merchant marine.

The naval base which the volunteers have joined forms a self-contained unit. Personnel includes mechanics, carpenters, electricians, boat builders, cooks, and stewards, besides regular seamen.

COLONIAL SERVICE LIST
The following promotions and appointments in the Colonial Service were announced in London last week:

To be a Cadet officer, first class—Tobago, San Fernando, Maricao, and the Port of Spain. Many are yachtsmen and deep-sea fishermen. Some, however, have served in the navy or merchant marine.

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